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CANCER UNIT FOR TOWN'S HOSPITAL

By Rob Golledge

A NEW chemotherapy suite for cancer patients in Cannock has been welcomed by a senior councillor.

Cannock Chase Hospital will be able to treat very sick cancer patients for long stays under a move by health bosses. The new suite is set to open in July with patients being referred straight away.

The service is being moved from County Hospital in Stafford. George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase Council, said: "It's brilliant news for the people of Cannock.

"We have always had to travel to Wolverhampton, Stafford or Stoke, so it is encouraging that we will have a service like this here.

"It's bad enough that you have to travel whenever you are ill but when you have cancer it is even worse.

"We fully support this move and it will ease the lives of people in Cannock with cancer and their families."

The move will be taking place as part of a shake-up of services at County Hospital in Stafford.

There will be some day services and appointments for cancer patients in Stafford and recovery beds will be available in the county town.

Cannock Chase Hospital is now run by the Royal Wolverhampton Trust who will provide the cancer service.

Support

Gwen Nuttall, chief operating officer at the Royal Wolverhampton Trust, said: "The transfer of oncology and haematology services from the County Hospital is the latest phase in the process of ensuring that all patients continue to receive the best possible care following the dissolution of the Mid-Staffordshire NHS Trust.

"We are working closely with colleagues from University Hospital North Midland to make sure all patients get the treatment and support they need in the most effective and efficient manner."

Meanwhile, a £2 million revamp will take place at the County Hospital for cancer patient appointments and open next year.

Wards one and two, which house the haematology and oncology services at County Hospital, will close in August, under the measures announced by the University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust.

It comes as the children's services closed as a result of the downgrade of the county town's hospital after it was deemed clinically and financially unsustainable.

But trust chief executive Mark Hackett said there was scope in the administrator's report to move the services.

He said that there was fewer than one patient a day using the haematology inpatient facility in Stafford.

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NEWBORN MONTANA SOON FINDS HER FEET

Montana, the first foal of the year at Chase Trekking Centre, finding her feet watched by her mother Larosa *Picture by Tim Thursfield*

THAT'S my girl! This heart-warming scene of a mare watching her four-day-old foal frolic in a field was captured at Cannock Chase Trekking Centre.

Montana took her first steps outdoors after being born last week. The young filly impressed staff by needing no help in getting to her feet. She tested her legs within five minutes of making her grand entrance.

Montana was heralding the start of a new era at the riding stables, with work soon to begin on a multi-million pound equestrian centre at the site, between Cannock and Stafford, to accommodate more horses. There will also be a new visitor centre and medical room.

Yard manager Lucy Rostance said the new arrival was already turning heads at the stables. "She's attracting a lot of attention already," she said.

"She's the first foal we've had at the stables that didn't need any assistance in getting to her feet or being helped over to her mother for a feed. She did it all by herself, so she's quite a clever little thing.

"Montana is the start of a new era here with work about to start in the next three or four weeks on the new stables. She's the first of a lot of firsts for us this year."

The brown-and-white beauty joins siblings Dakota and Oregon, both colts, and twins Arizona and Indiana, who are fillies.

She arrived on time with the help of centre owner Lisa Gregory, who acted as midwife, and will now be left to bond with her mother, Larosa, for the next six months.

She will not go on duty at the riding stables until she is four. Until then it's a case of horsing around at the stables, which will clearly delight the centre's 17,000 annual visitors.

MISCONDUCT

Teacher banned over pupil affair

A TEACHER who had an affair with a teenage pupil has been banned from teaching for life.

Michael Woodhouse taught at Hagley Park High School in Rugeley. The ban followed a disciplinary hearing where the girl described the acts carried out by Woodhouse, aged 38.

Woodhouse did not attend the National College of Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) proceedings which ended with him being found guilty of sexually motivated 'unacceptable professional conduct'. Woodhouse no longer works at the school.

TRIBUTE

Pitmen to play in memorial fixture

HEDNESFORD Town will be the opposition when Stafford Rangers host a memorial match in honour of their chairman who died last year.

The Pitmen travel to the Marston Road ground on August 4 for the tribute to Mike Hughes, who is credited with saving Rangers from collapse.

The Mike Hughes Memorial Shield will honour the club stalwart, who died on holiday in Devon last August, aged 68. He was part of the club for 34 years, becoming chairman in 2010.

ACCIDENT

Three injured as cars in collision

THREE people were taken to hospital after a rush-hour crash near Rugeley which caused long delays.

The two-car smash involving a Ford Fiesta and a Peugeot, happened on the A51 in Colwich just after 8.15am on Friday. The road was blocked for almost three hours.

A woman in one of the cars, believed to be in her 40s, suffered chest, knee and back injuries and was taken to the Royal Stoke University Hospital.

Two women who were in the other vehicle suffered abdominal injuries, and arm and leg injuries respectively. None was seriously injured.

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Masked raider is jailed for six years

A MASKED robber involved in a £30,000 supermarket raid and two other burglaries has been jailed for six years.

Gordon McCallum was part of a duo who smashed their way into a newsagents in Armitage and a petrol station in Burntwood to steal thousands of pounds worth of cigarettes. The supermarket raid happened at an Asda in Somerset on December 4.

The 28-year-old was one of two who smashed the front door of John's Newsagents, in Armitage, on January 12. The cigarette display was forced open with garden shears, and around £2,000 worth of cigarettes were stolen. A concrete post was used to smash into the newsagents, and the noise woke a neighbour, Stafford Crown Court heard.

McCallum was also involved in a similar raid at Morrison's petrol station in Burntwood on July 4. A hole was cut in the roof and £1,300 worth of cigarettes taken. At the supermarket, two masked men armed with crowbar-type weapons forced their way in through the fire exit after the store closed for the day. They threatened staff who were stacking shelves.

The raiders then made their way to the self-service checkouts and broke into 10 of them stealing more than £29,000. Getaway cars were waiting outside for the robbers to escape.

McCallum, aged 28, of Bedworth, admitted two charges of burglary, one of robbery and a separate offence of inflicting grievous bodily harm by punching a man in a Warwickshire pub. At the newsagents, a plastic mask was left behind, at the petrol station a metal bar was recovered and at the supermarket the defendant dropped his watch. All three items had his DNA on them.

Mr Bernard Linnemann, prosecuting, said McCallum was linked to the burglaries and the robbery by DNA evidence. The defendant's accomplice in the burglaries and the supermarket raid has not yet been caught.

Mr Darron Whitehead, defending, said McCallum's partner had kicked him out in 2014 because of his alcohol and drug abuse. "His partner now wants to make another go of the relationship and is pregnant with their third child," he added.

World joins together in tribute to Stephen

A MASS thumbs-up, dozens of colourful balloons released into the air, and a poignant moment of remembrance.

Thousands of people from around the world joined in unity to mark the first anniversary of the death of inspirational teenager Stephen Sutton.

But the celebration of the 19-year-old's life was firmly centred back home in Staffordshire.

At Lichfield Cathedral, where Stephen's two-day vigil took place, around 60 people attended a memorial service on Thursday last week.

The congregation joined in giving a mass thumbs-up, recreating the iconic image that Stephan gave from his death bed that sparked a social media trend and sent his story around the world.

Stephen's mother Jane, in the yellow dress, at the Chasetown FC balloon launch

Balloons are launched at Chasetown Football Club

Stephen Sutton

Released

The short ceremony was led by the Dean of Lichfield, the Very Rev Adrian Dorber. It included a few moments of silence before he asked the crowd to say Stephen's name before making the thumbs-up sign.

They also released dozens of red balloons promoting the work of the Teenage Cancer Trust into the air at the poignant event held on the lawn in front of the cathedral where last year 11,000 people attended a two-day vigil.

Mr Dorber said: "I am delighted that people came here. The focus this time round is on Burntwood which is Stephen's home town."

Once again, Burntwood, Stephen's hometown, was decorated in yellow ribbons. Last year Burntwood and Lichfield were awash with yellow – the colour of the Teenage Cancer Trust – in tribute to Stephen.

Rachel Wedgbury, 39, a child minder of Kestrel Grove, Willenhall, attended the memorial service with her family. Her father Barry Wedgbury, 72, of Brackenhill Road, Burntwood, said: "We liked what he did and the inspiration that he gave to other people." Cancer survivor Anne Critchley, 72, of Lichfield, said: "Ten years ago I had an operation for lung cancer and I am clear of it now. I was a nurse and looked after dying young people who were receiving dialysis as part of my job.

"I am really thankful for what Stephen did because I also saw young cancer patients on the unit where I was treated."

Stephen's mother Jane Sutton said: "When he began his blog he always used to say 'This isn't a sob story, this is Stephen's story', so the last thing he would want us to be is sad. That's why today, on the anniversary of his passing, this is a time to remember and celebrate his life. The tribute 'thumbs-up' moment today is so appropriate as Stephen made his trademark thumbs-up sign a symbol of his positive attitude.

"He inspired millions of people across the world to not only support his Facebook blog Stephen's Story and help him raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust but encouraged people to take a fresh look at their own lives. His enthusiasm and positive outlook on life gave people the push to start living."

She also pledged to continue working with the trust which she said only has resources to help half the number of young people diagnosed with cancer. Stephen captured the world's imagination with his positive attitude in the face of death with his bucket list of 46 things he wanted to achieve before he died.

His four-year battle with bowel cancer ended on May 14. He had set out to raise £10,000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust and managed to hit the £3 million mark. That total grew to £5m with £1,000 a minute being pledged as his death was announced.

Memorial events were also held in Burntwood. Community group Turn Burntwood Yellow and the Teenage Cancer Trust held a 'thumbs-up', while yellow balloons were released at Chasetown Football Club.

JLR's plans to expand i54 plant welcomed

A PROPOSAL by Jaguar Land Rover to expand its flagship i54 plant has been hailed as 'fantastic news'.

The£500million manufacturing centre on the border of Wolverhampton and South Staffordshire was opened by the Queen last October with 1,400 jobs created.

And the planned expansion would lead to a further economic growth and more local jobs, Staffordshire County Council's economy chief believes.

Mark Winnington said: "It is fantastic news that Jaguar Land Rover is looking to expand its operations at i54 South Staffordshire. This shows how successful the company is and also that its operation here in Staffordshire is thriving.

"It also further demonstrates that Jaguar Land Rover made absolutely the right choice in locating to i54 South Staffordshire. It will mean more local jobs and have a positive impact on the regional economy.

"We will be working closely with the company and local residents through the planning process."

A statement by the firm said: "The company continues to review opportunities to strengthen its industrial footprint in the UK and has identified a potential to increase its presence within the i54 business park.

"Jaguar Land Rover continues to work in partnership with Wolverhampton, Staffordshire and South Staffordshire councils to develop its plans. This work will include developing a variety of opportunities for the local community."

Froch is expected to spill the beans

BOXING World Champion Carl Froch will announce his next fight when he addresses fans a Cannock sports bar.

The four-time super-middleweight title holder will appear at Bar Sport's Premier Suite on June 18.

Bar owner Scott Murray said: "This is a huge coup for Cannock and Bar Sport's Premier Suite. Carl is a superb fighter and is at the peak of his powers.

"He has been involved in so many exciting fights.

"We are really looking forward to bringing him to Cannock.

"Richie Woodhall will be interviewing him on the night and we are expecting Froch to announce who he will be fighting next."

Tickets for the event start from £55. To book a ticket ring 01543 572092

Poet to be guest of history society

RENOWNED Black Country poet David Bartley addresses Cheslyn Hay & District Local History Society next week.

The meeting takes place at the Salem, High Street, Cheslyn Hay, from 7.30pm on Thursday, May 28. Admission is £1 including refreshments.

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Mental health detentions slashed by nearly 60pc

THE number of people locked up in Staffordshire police cells while suffering from mental health problems has fallen by nearly two-thirds.

In 2012, there were 168 suspects detained under the Mental Health Act, but last year that number fell to 69 – a 59 per cent reduction.

Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis has put the fall down to a new approach in the county which has put pressure on services to ensure alternatives to custody are in place for those suffering a psychological problem.

The figures were lauded by national charity Revolving Doors during Mental Health Awareness Week.

Mr Ellis said: "Police custody is fundamentally the wrong place for an individual who is in mental health crisis to be kept if they haven't committed a crime.

"We need to stop criminalising people who are simply ill and ensure officers are not tied up with issues they are unqualified to deal with.

"The ambition for cross-agency working has really taken hold in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, which has led to a drop of almost two-thirds in mental health detentions in custody. It shows that there is clear joined-up ambition to do better and work towards common goals that, by doing so, we can make real progress.

"The challenge now is to keep things going in the right direction to make sure that even fewer people are locked up in police custody for simply being ill," Mr Ellis added.

Fines and ban for unruly Villa fans

TWO football fans from Staffordshire have been fined for being drunk and disorderly after an Aston Villa match.

Cannock Magistrates Court was told that the men were travelling on a train between Manchester Piccadily and Birmingham New Street after the match between Manchester City Aston Villa on April 25.

They were warned about their behaviour by accompanying British Transport Police and then arrested at Stafford.

Joe Carnell, aged 21, of Foster Avenue, Hednesford, pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly.

He was fined £455 and given a three-year Football Banning Order. Jordan Hansen, 20, of Dale Drive, Burntwood, was fined £360.

Pupils branch out in lessons

YEAR One pupils at Chase View Primary School in Rugeley have been busy 'scientists' by identifying different trees at the Wolesley Centre.

Children had to name the trees by using the leaf as clues.

Dream holiday ends in pool tragedy

Rachel Turner and Stefan Brown

TRIBUTES have been paid to a 'kind and bubbly' woman from Penkridge who was found dead in a swimming pool in Thailand.

Rachel Turner, aged 42, was on a dream holiday in south-east Asia with her partner Stefan Brown at the time.

It is believed she had gone for an early morning swim in a pool at the Sofia Gardens Resort on the island of Koh Chang. She was found dead by a member of staff on Sunday morning.

Mr Brown has spoken of his heartbreak at the death of his 'soulmate', who he said he went to sleep cuddling. He took to Facebook to express his sadness at his partner's death.

"I'm in absolute tatters," he wrote. "Still in shock, not sunk in yet. Not able to listen to any music, just tried to listen to something but reminded me immediately of Rachel, cried my eyes out and had to turn it off."

He is reported as saying he wants to remain in Thailand until he can bring Ms Turner's body home.

He added: "We both loved life. We had just set up a company, we were contemplating trying for children."

This week, the shocking news began to filter through to Ms Turner's friends and neighbours in and around the couple's home in Bushbury, Wolverhampton.

One of her neighbours, Mary Cook, 75, said she had been left devastated by the loss of a friend she says had been looking forward to her trip to Thailand for weeks.

Ms Turner grew up in Penkridge where she lived with her parents Pat and Dave until she bought the semi-detached house in Bushbury about eight years ago. Mr Brown joined her there early last year.

Van driver's mistake led to head-on crash

A VAN driver who caused a head-on crash that left a woman crippled and her work colleague with life-changing injuries has avoided an immediate jail term.

George Weetman-Beeston thought he was on a dual carriageway when overtaking a car at 78mph. But the road was the single carriageway A460 Lodge Lane, which runs parallel to the M6 Toll near Cannock, and the defendant's van hit an oncoming Vauxhall Corsa.

Both the car's driver, Nicola Price, and her front-seat passenger, Ashley Jones, suffered 'catastrophic' injuries.

Mr Paul Farrow, prosecuting at Stafford Crown Court, said Mrs Price has been left wheelchair-bound with multiple injuries, including to the spine, head and sternum.

Her passenger suffered internal injuries to the brain, bowel and lung. He was in hospital for three weeks, and his ongoing problems include memory deficiencies. Mr Farrow said Mrs Price and Mr Jones worked at the Wheatsheaf pub in Great Wyrley and she was giving him a lift home on May 29 last year.

Injuries

Another motorist, Craig Birch, saw the van approaching quickly and pull out into the path of the oncoming vehicle. A police accident investigator concluded that the defendant's van had been travelling at 78mph, reducing to 68mph at the point of impact.

As a result of the injuries she received, Mrs Price was initially left paralysed. She and her husband have had to sell their home and her husband has had to go part-time at work in order to care for her. When questioned about the crash, Weetman-Beeston, who was driving a van belonging to his employers, CP Northern, said he was coming back from Birmingham on a road he had never used before and thought it was a dual carriageway.

Weetman-Beeston, aged 23, of Oldfields Crescent, Great Haywood, admitted two charges of causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

Mr Michael Hayton QC, mitigating, said his client hadn't seen the oncoming vehicle.

He said: "He is a thoroughly decent man."

Weetman-Beeston was given a 16-month prison sentence, suspended for two years. He was also ordered to do 150 hours unpaid community work, banned from driving for three years with an extended test before getting his licence back, and ordered to pay £1,200 costs.

Free offer in cycle promotion

Assistant chief mechanic Brad Colley from Cycle-R, Cannock, looks forward to the charity bike event

A CANNOCK charity is gearing up for the Big Bike Revival by offering free repairs and safety tips.

Cycle-R, based in Newhall Street, will be holding classes on how to carry out repairs and change vital parts, as well as fixing bikes for free of charge in Cannock town centre.

Catherine Deakin, aged18, Cycle-R administrator, said: "This is our first time of getting involved with something like this. We will be having people come in to us throughout the week to do bike-ability lessons and activities for children such as face painting and a cake sale. We will be having specific days for activities from May 23 to June 6 and everyone is welcome to come on down."

Cycle-R provides low-cost, high-quality bicycles to low-income families and people who may be in need of them. Through recycling of donated bicycles they also provide training and work experience to the long-term unemployed and youth groups.

Miss Deakin, who has worked with the charity since they opened last July, added: "For people needing a bike for work we offer to lease them for a £1 a week and we also have children's bikes for as little as £15."

The Big Bike Revival will be taking place throughout the country from May 23 to June 7.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New firm offers funeral planning

A NEWLY launched company based in Cannock is offering independent funeral planning across Staffordshire.

Legacy Later Life Solutions boasts a team with more than 60 years' combined experience in the sector.

Working with a range of providers it provides clients with a number of options to help them, and their families, face the cost of their funerals, said Jayne Smith, a partner at the firm.

The company also helps people plan the practical details of their funeral.

To find out more go to the website at www.legacylaterlifesolutions.co.uk

Half-term fun on offer at centre

YOUNGSTERS can enjoy half term holiday fun at Penkridge Leisure Centre.

From May 26 to 29 the Cannock Road site will host four days of fun and gamesaimed at five-to-12-year-olds at Wolgarston High School on Cannock Road.

Some lunchtime supervision will be available.

Prices start at £3.80 for a two-hour session.

Visit www.sstaffs.gov.uk/sussed for more information or call 01785 714152.

Holiday course aims to inspire

A NEW holiday camp for children to learn skills and stay active will be running in Rugeley next week.

Children aged from five to 12 are welcome to attend the Inspire to Engage course, run by children's coaching company Premier Sport.

The course, including sports training and activities, will run at Fair Oak Academy, in Penkridge Bank Road, Rugeley, from Tuesday to Friday.

Visit www.premiersport.org or call 01953 499040 for details.

DIY chain staff join charity bicycle relay

RETAIL staff took part in a mammoth cycle relay to raise money for charity.

Workers from Screwfix stores in Cannock, Stafford, Wolverhampton, Dudley, Stourbridge, West Bromwich and Brierley Hill have taken part in the fundraiser.

The Tour de Screwfix relay was organised to raise money for The Screwfix Foundation, a charity which supports projects to fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and facilities for those in need in the UK.

Dog impaled on fence

FIRE crews from Cannock were called out to a dog that had become impaled on a metal fence in New Road, Featherstone. They managed to release the dog which, it is thought, accidentally impaled itself while trying to jump the fence. The dog survived the ordeal and was taken to a vet for treatment.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

ALEX Salmond is to become the SNP's foreign-affairs spokesman at Westminster. Foreign? Do they mean us?

THE people's broadcaster should broadcast in the plain, straightforward English of the people. Wednesday's BBC lunchtime news began: "A tranche of statistics this morning . . ."

BUT I was impressed with some of the writing in the comedy Murder in Successville (BBC3). Raymond Chandler himself would have been proud of the line, describing an unsolved killing: "Like a run-down fairground, there wasn't much to go on."

THE TV licence is similar to Mrs Thatcher's poll tax. Everyone, rich or poor, is expected to pay the same amount and if you don't pay up, you may go to prison. So isn't it odd that the greatest defenders of the TV licence are the same sort of people who raged against the wickedness of poll tax? As the Tories start making threatening noises about the future of the licence, the usual assortment of Beeb-adoring luvvies and liberals seem to have no problem with poor people being jailed for not paying Auntie's annual bill. Funny old world.

THE first casualty of war is truth. The first casualty of this General Election is a sense of proportion. Ken Livingstone, who is old enough to know better, predicts "five more years of pure evil" while demonstrators who are little more than children scream about "vile Tory scum." So let's please have a reality check. All that's happened is that a Government of the centre-right has been elected. Yet to judge from the torrents of Leftist bile, you would think Whitehall had fallen under the power of the Dark Lord and the orcs were already gassing the poor. A generation of activists has grown up brainwashed into believing Tories are no better than Nazis and that poll tax was a crime against humanity.

A TWITTER campaign, We Want Plates, has been founded to fight the modern trend of fashionable gastro pubs serving meals on anything from bricks and flat caps to shovels. I am reminded of my misspent youth on the building sites when an old labourer showed me how to cook the traditional navvy's breakfast on a hot shovel. The important thing, he stressed, was to get every last grain of sand off the shovel. He washed, wiped and polished that shovel until you could see your face in it. Then, satisfied not a grain of sand remained, he stuck it in the brazier, dropped in a lump of dripping and slipped two eggs and two rashers of bacon into the hot fat. I can still taste the sand.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

10pc rise in use of life-saving units

A PROJECT designed to save dozens of lives across the West Midlands region is already showing positive progress with a near 10 per cent increase in the number of times a machine has been used at an incident.

Towards the end of last year, West Midlands Ambulance Service embarked on a project to install no fewer than 500 automatic external defibrillators (AEDs)across the region at locations with high footfall such as shopping centres or places that see regular call-outs on the 999 service such as nursing homes.

The theory was the more AEDs that are available, the higher the chance of someone unlucky enough to suffer a cardiac arrest being saved.

The two actions that will make the biggest differences in saving a life in such situations are starting CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) as soon as possible and early defibrillation. After a patient has collapsed following a cardiac arrest the chances of survival reduces by 10 per cent per minute if nothing is done to help them.

Community response manager Matt Heward said: "By installing the machines, which can be used by anyone, we have increased the chances of saving lives right across the region. At the start of the project we were seeing an AED used about 2,700 times a month. That figure has now hit almost 3,050 a month; that is about 10 times a day more."

If you would like to work with West Midlands Ambulance Service to place a defibrillator in your community, contact 01384 215 855 or email CFRAdmin@wmas.nhs.uk

Mother fined £50 for £16k benefits fiddle

By Katy-Rose Meaney

A BENEFITS cheat from Chadsmoor who took more than £16,000 in false claims has been fined just £50, after the court heard that she struggled to cope with her husband's affair.

Kylie Maybury, of John Street, failed to declare that she lived with Damien Judge and claimed a total of £16,168.50.

The 27-year-old collected housing benefit, income support and council tax benefits from July 2012 until August 2014, despite being married.

Maybury appeared at Cannock Magistrates Court where she pleaded guilty to two charges of dishonesty.

In a probation report, the court heard that Maybury had 'taken her eye off the ball' while dealing with her husband's affair and argued that it was a 'legitimate claim' to start with as they had separated.

Distraught

The marriage was described as 'on and off' and the court also heard that the defendant 'didn't think it would be an issue' but added that 'she knew what she did was wrong' and was 'remorseful'. The report described her as 'distraught' and 'unable to sleep' since being summonsed to court.

She admitted dishonestly failing to notify a change of circumstances affecting her entitlement for income support and from July 2012 and went on to receive an overpayment of benefits until August 2014.

The full-time mother of one also admitted dishonestly making a false statement to obtain housing benefit and council tax benefit from Cannock Chase Council in July 2012, failing to declare her husband lived with her in Rugeley.

Mr Harold Emery, chairman of the bench, sentenced her to a 12-month community order and a 12-month supervision order, agreeing with the report that because of her mental health she was not fit for community service. She was also fined the £50.

Riders' funeral tribute to fundraiser

Motorcycles leave the home of Alex Braidwood of Hednesford, who died of a heart attack, aged 53

HUNDREDS of bikers turned out at the funeral of a popular motorcyclist described as a 'real gentleman'.

Alex Braidwood from Hednesford died of a heart attack in Wakefield while on a fundraising trip with his beloved motorcycle club. Around 500 bikers, dressed in leather jackets and some carrying Scottish flags, turned outto honour Mr Braidwood, who was 53.

The group gathered at his home in Rowley Close before making their way to Stafford Crematorium. The motorcycle club's vice-chairman Kevin Lewis said: "Alex was a really fun guy, he always had a smile on his face. He was a very pleasant man. One of the good guys."

Mr Braidwood, who suffered with a heart condition, died on April 26 and leaves behind his wife Julie and one daughter. He was the chairman of the Get Off Your Butts motorcycle club and was dedicated to raising as much money as he could for charity.

Michael Barber, of Norton & District Funeral Directors who helped to organise the send-off, said: "There was a huge turnout for him. The funeral was a real fitting send-off for a real gentleman. Alex was a much loved character among everybody who was there – those from the charities who he helped raise money for were all hugely grateful for the work he did."

Scottish-born Mr Braidwood was a former miner and worked at Littleton Colliery in Cannock until its closure in 1993. He then retired to dedicate his time to his passion of motorcycling.

Watchdogs order home to turn off its cameras

A NURSING home has been ordered told by watchdogs to switch off CCTV cameras after not getting full consent from residents.

An inspection from the Care Quality Commission revealed health and social care regulations had been breached at Brownhills Nursing Home and action needed to be taken.

The proper procedure for installing CCTV cameras, which included gaining consent from residents and assessing the impact on privacy, had not been fully observed, according a report by the health watchdog.

It said the cameras at the nursing home in Hednesford Road, run by Kidderminster Care Ltd, were in communal areas. Concerns had previously been raised and the matter was referred to the local authority safeguarding manager to offer guidance.

But a new report, following a second inspection earlier this year, said the cameras were being used without fully following guidelines.

The nursing home provides accommodation and care for up to 50 people, and 35 people were living there during the inspection in January.

Sat Pawar, director of Kidderminster Care Ltd, said the policy surrounding CCTV at the care home was being reviewed in order to resolve the issue.

He added: "The management and staff are working to improve the standards, and we now feel that we are meeting the standards.

"We welcome an inspection from the CQC at any time."

Chance to win your dad a treat

PEOPLE in Cannock can give their dads a treat by winning them prizes and vouchers worth £100.

On Father's Day, Sunday June 21, Cannock Shopping Centre is inviting locals to nominate a dad for the chance to win prizes and vouchers worth £100.

To nominate a dad, email cannocksc@pmwcom.co.uk or post your nomination to the Father's Day Competition, c/o PMW Communications, Stane Court, Stane Street, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9HP with an explanation of why they deserve to win.

Alternatively you can post your entries at Cannock Shopping Centre in the red post box on the lower mall situated by Rymans and Farmfoods.

The deadline is midnight June 14.

Centre is offering lifeguarding skills

TRAMPOLINING and learning to be a lifeguard are among half-term activities on offer in Burntwood.

They will take place at Burntwood Leisure Centre, High Street, Chasetown, from May 26 to 31. Visit www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/holidayfun.

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Hospital's team is in running for new award

THE award-winning Rehabilitation Day Unit team at Cannock Chase Hospital is up for its second accolade in two years.

After scooping a Best of Staffordshire Award in 2013 for its work with people with complex neurological conditions, it has now been nominated for Most Outstanding Team at the Rebuilding Lives Awards organised by the Spinal Injuries Association.

The specialist unit is among three nominees in the category and members of the team will find out if they have been successful at an awards ceremony to be held at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole on June 4.

The unit helps people recover from a life-changing event, such as a serious injury or a stroke, working with them to improve physical ability.

It also enjoys the support of an active friends and support charity call LARF (Life After Rehab Friends), which raises money and share experiences. Many of the volunteers are former patients with the unit who want to give something back to say thanks for the treatment they received.

The unit also plans to works closely with colleagues at the West Park Rehabilitation Unit in Wolverhampton to provide a joined-up approach to treatment across The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust.

Rehabilitation Nurse Specialist Sue Noble said: "We are delighted to be in the running for this award.

" It is a testament to the work of the whole team and our support network of volunteers."

Firm grows after special funding

A HEALTH and safety firm that works with schools has expanded and taken on a new worker after receiving a special grant.

Cannock-based Elite Safety in Education was successful in obtaining the lump sum from Cannock Chase Council in 2014.

The company Elite Safety in Education is a registered safety company that specialises in health and safety for all educational establishments across the West Midlands and Staffordshire.

Within six months of receiving the Let's Grow grant, the company has secured a further 18 schools who are now accessing their services. It used the funding to purchase ICT hardware along with office equipment.

Angels on display at two churches

HOME-CRAFTED angels will be displayed at St Aidans Church, in Albert Street, Cannock, and St Chad's Church, in Cannock Road, Chadsmoor, on May 30 from 10am to 4pm and May 31 from midday to 4pm.

Service of thanksgiving at Arboretum

The West Midlands Fire Service band

HUNDREDS of firefighters from across the UK attended a service of thanksgiving in Staffordshire.

The ceremony was held to pay tribute to firefighters who protect communities in this country and abroad.

It has seen some members of the fire service assist in Nepal.

The Firefighters Memorial Trust hosted the event at the National Memorial Arboretum with the support of Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Staffordshire's chief fire officer Peter Dartford was asked to attend the ceremony as president of the Chief Fire Officers Association. There were also former and serving firefighters, their families and friends, along with members of the public who were invited.

The National Fire Cadets provided a guard of honour and co-ordinated the laying of personal and service wreaths with music also provided. This included the Pipe Band of the West Midlands Fire Service.

Mr Dartford said it was a privilege to welcome colleagues from across the UK to Staffordshire for the ceremony of thanksgiving and remembrance. He said: "It is particularly pertinent at the moment with firefighters from across the UK currently in Nepal assisting their colleagues in the aftermath of the earthquake.

"Firefighters risk their lives on a daily basis in order to keep the communities that they serve safe.

"Their courage and dedication is an inspiration as they deal with major incidents such as wildfires that can destroy entire communities to house fires and road traffic collisions which threaten the lives of those involved."

£5m cuts won't affect safety, says fire chief

A FIRE chief has pledged the safety of residents will not be impacted by £5.7 million cost-cutting plans, which will result in a reduction of engines and crews.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority Chief Fire Officer, Peter Dartford, speaking as a consultation continues into the proposal, also said no station will close, although he said emergency response crews could be pulled from 18 stations in the county.

At a meeting of Staffordshire County Council's corporate review committee, he was quizzed over the planned cuts. They would see the number of fire stations with a response capability reduced from the current 33 fire stations with 42 frontline fire appliances to 15 stations with 15 frontline fire appliances. He said: "We will not compromise the safety of our communities or of our firefighters."

He added: "In 2009 when we started this, we made it very clear that red lines would not be crossed. If we believed we were close to these lines we would stop.

"If we got to the point where we couldn't save any more money safely we would stop, but the reality is there are opportunities to do things differently."

Problems

Committee chairman Philip Jones questioned the finances of the authority and asked: "Is it not the case that your financial problems are self inflicted?", which Mr Dartford fiercely denied.

Mr Dartford added: "In the past five years we have saved in excess of £6 million and in the same time we have delivered the best performance in our history."

However, he added: "The austerity challenge continues. and we have to find ways to save money. It is important to say at this time that no decisions have been made, this is the public consultations.

"Some of the options are quite radical, and the public are concerned about some of the options, but we wanted to be clear of all the options."

Consultations on the proposal, under the community safety options report, closes tomorrow.

Councillor John Taylor said: "I'm concerned about how the consultation has been organised.

"The reality is, more people should have been consulted over a longer period of time."

Helen Newman, front left, from Alrewas WI, with Staffordshire Federation chair Sheila Moulton and other members

WI walk helps to mark 100 years

DOZENS of people turned up at Cannock Chase to help mark the 100th anniversary of the Women's Institute.

More than 100 members of groups from around Staffordshire enjoyed the Centenary Walk and Afternoon Tea event near Rugeley.

The occasion had been organised to appeal to some of the WI's keen hikers who took on a four and half mile route while others took a leisurely half-mile stroll around Castle Ring.

Sandy Hobbs, who spent weeks preparing the routes, said: "Everyone loved the walk and they all seemed to enjoy themselves.

"We were quite lucky because it stayed dry. Our new chairman Sheila Moulton wanted to do something different and had the idea to do a wal."

Sandy, aged 69 and from Burntwood, has been president of Hayes Green WI for 13 years. She and her fellow groups around the country have got numerous events lined up throughout the year to mark 100 years of the WI movement. There are around 4,500 members in Staffordshire and more than 20 separate institutes.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Theatre going into the woods

A Cannock theatre company have adapted a Disney film for their next show.

Backstreet will bring their version of Into the Woods to the Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock later this month.

The performances will take place at 7.30pm from Thursday to Saturday, May 28 to 30.

Into the Woodsis a Steven Sondheim musical giving a modern twist on the Brothers Grimm fairy tales.

Tickets cost £12 and are available on 01543 578762.

Purse snatched in supermarket

AN elderly woman from Cannock had her purse stolen while shopping, prompting a police appeal.

Sentimental items and cash were taken while she was in Morrisons, High Street, Burntwood. It happened on Saturday, May 9 and anyone with information is urged to call Staffordshire Police on 101, quoting incident 495.

Staffordshire Police spokeswoman Jane Hoult said: "Officers from Lichfield District Local Policing Team are appealing for information following the theft."

Appeal is made by health teams

AN NHS trust is looking for people with personal experience of mental health problems to join its community mental health teams in Stafford and Cannock.

Danni Cook, South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust's recovery lead partner, said: "The aim is for people who have themselves experienced mental health problems to use this experience to inspire hope."

Visit www.jobs.nhs.uk for details.

Author gives pupils advice on writing

PUPILS at Churchfield CE (VC) Primary School in Rugeley enjoyed a visit by children's author Eamonn Reilly.

Youngsters from reception up to Year 6 at the Sandy Lane school took part in an assembly where he talked to them about his work and gave them tips for writing stories of their own.

The visit inspired the children to practise their writing skills.

Mr Reilley's visit was part of a series of planned activities to raise the profile of reading at the school.

Ramblers at ready

CHASE & District Group Ramblers are off on a 9.5-mile moderate walk at Abberley, Worcester and Droitwich on Sunday. Walkers should meet at Hednesford railway station's car park, in Anglesey Street, for a prompt 9am departure. For further details, call walk leader Paul on 01543 305890.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Feel free to donate but make it anonymous

SOME time ago, I made a small donation to a well-known charity. Can't remember how much, it may have been a tenner, possibly a bit more. Let's just say it wasn't going to stop the world spinning on its axis.

For the next two, three, maybe even four years I was sent a deluge of junk mail. Glossy leaflets about the good work it was doing, of course. Personalised stationery bearing the charity's logo. Special messages at Christmas and Easter, and at least two Katherine Jenkins CDs. All designed to make me part with more of my hard-earned, presumably to reinvest in more CDs of popular sopranos.

On another occasion, one of the chuggers in Wolverhampton persuaded me to sign up for an annual donation to another national charity. Again the amount was small, and it later emerged it would be two years before the donation actually covered the commission for the grinning cheesemonger who persuaded me to sign up in the first place. I thought I was contributing to a worthy cause, not keeping a chirpy student-type in Starbucks and flip-flops.

When I asked a third charity to lay off the junk mail, it responded with weekly telephone calls instead.

All very annoying, and it made me far less likely to support any of these genuinely good causes again. But, as a robust and reasonably thick-skinned 40-something, I'm big enough and ugly enough to take it in my stride.

For 92-year-old Olive Cooke, though, the emotional blackmail proved much harder to shrug off. A devoted charity worker herself, she became Britain's oldest poppy seller. She too made donations to many well-known charities, but as always seems to be the case, whatever she gave was never enough.

An inquest has yet to be held, but the evidence suggests she struggled to meet the commitments and cancelled some of the standing orders. As the charities responded by stepping up the tear-jerking campaigns, she took her own life.

We all know it is hard for charities to raise funds, and most reasonable people respond well to a bit of tin rattling and the odd stall in the supermarket. But some of the tactics used by the big charities in particular are every bit as unpleasant as the cold callers from the personal injury and PPI compensation industries.

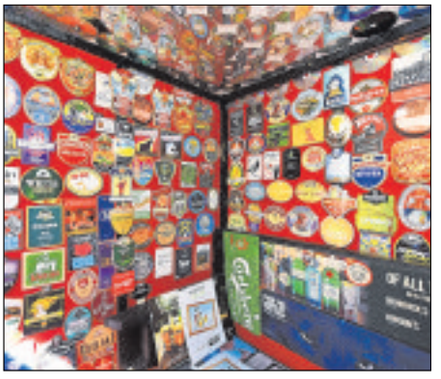
Maybe it's time for the Charity Commission to step in, and I would love to know how much of people's donations is ploughed back into marketing.

In the meantime, I do believe we all still have a duty to help the less fortunate, but make sure it is anonymous.

The moment they ask for names, addresses, or bank details, make your excuses and leave. Unless you are a very big Katherine Jenkins fan.

The 12ft by 16ft shed is filled with pub memorabilia

Enjoying a pint in the sunshine outside the shed



Hundreds of beer mats cover the walls of the shed

Pint-size pub created in back garden shed

A Cannock man is enjoying his own piece of heaven – a pub he has set up in his shed. **MARION BRENNAN** reports

WHEN Steve Worrallo fancies a pint at his local, he only has to open the back door of his Cannock home and step into his garden shed.

The father-of-two cleared it of lawnmower and hedge clippers eight years ago and set about transforming it into a pint-sized pub, complete with bar, snug and lounge.

His amazing 12ftx 16ft shed – he has added an extension in the last year – is filled with pub memorabilia, including original beer pumps and 1,300 beer mats which decorate the walls.

Now he is hoping his replica taproom will win the coveted title of Pub Shed of the Year 2015.

For authenticity, Steve has added mock-Tudor beams on the ceiling, brasses, high stools along the bar and a disco-style mirror ball for party nights, while his brother's cribbage trophies are also on display – just like your average local.

Hobby

In case there's any doubt where this pub is, a hand-painted welcome over the bar reads: 'It's good here ay it.'

In fact the only thing here that you would not find inside a pub these days is ashtrays, and 20-a-day man Steve delights in being able to have a cigarette in his version of paradise.

"It really is like heaven to me," said the 64-year-old. "I come in here every day and I always find something else that needs doing. I'll never finish it – it's my hobby."

The former foundry worker started his labour of love after getting divorced and being made redundant from Barton Aluminium in Birchills, Walsall, when the firm closed.

"It's something I always wanted to do but never had the time," he said.

"When I lost my job, I got another at Sainsbury's, loading the wagons at night, but that came to an end too, and I thought now's the time to start on the shed.

"I'd never have been able to do it if I was still married."

His two brothers John, 68, from Bloxwich, and Brian, 64, who visits from Bentley, come over to play cards in the 'lounge'.

And sons Dane, 27, a Doctor of Fine Art at Birmingham University, and Brett, 25, a self-employed painter and decorator, are also fans of his work.

He said: "They love it, which makes me feel very proud.

"It's taken a lot of collecting but I've enjoyed the research – after all, it would be impolite to visit a pub and not have a drink."

Amazingly, Steve's den has cost him just the price of the wood, with people only too happy to help him in his quest.

The black-speckled carpet in the bar was donated by Bar 77 in Cannock, while The Alma in Birchills, and The White Hart and Crystal Fountain in Cannock gave him the hand pumps. Friends and neighbours have joined in the project, contributing items such as signs and a closing-time bell.

Steve Worrallo raises a glass in his 'pub' – 'I come in here every day and I always find something else that needs doing'

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Walkers step out to help charity fund

More than 140 walkers turned out for the event on Cannock Chase Picture by Stuart James Photography

DOZENS of fundraisers joined the Hibbs Lupus Trust's annual World Lupus Day walk on Cannock Chase.

Organisers have thanked everyone who took part in what they say was 'a super day all round..

John Hibbs, chairman of the Hibbs Lupus Trust , said: "The weather was on our side as we welcomed over 140 fundraisers.

"Taking in some of Cannock Chase's best views in this area of outstanding natural beauty, the day's aim is to raise awareness of lupus.

"A special thanks goes to RG Promotions who brought the event to life with their fantastic compering and music. We'd also like to thank Stuart James Photography, St John Ambulance & the Staffordshire Ranger Service South for their support.

"A super day all round. Thank you everyone, and we look forward to seeing you again next year."

Find out more about the trust and lupus at www.hibb-

Charity superstore launch

A CHARITY superstore supported by a team of up to 30 volunteers is to open in Cannock today.

Compton Hospice opened its first superstore, in Wolverhampton, earlier this year.

The charity, which supports families affected by terminal illness, has been providing care to patients in and around Cannock for a number of years but up until now has not had a shop in the area. Paul Carter, trading manager at Compton Hospice, said: "We are incredibly excited to be able to bring our second Compton Hospice Superstore to Cannock.

"We pride ourselves on offering customers an enjoyable shopping experience which in turn will help us to generate funds towards providing care for terminally ill patients and their families." The store, in the former Blockbuster unit in Church Street, features several departments including men's and women's clothing, accessories, furniture, home and electrical goods, bric-a-brac, a Compton Kids corner, and giftware items.

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Hednesford

Thanks for your votes

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ANNE ALLT
Rugeley

Grateful for the support

I AM writing to thank all the residents of Norton Canes who voted for me in the Cannock Chase election.

I will work hard for all concerned.

MIKE HOARE
Norton Canes

Not much difference between policies

DAVID Miliband and other right-wing Blairites claim the election was lost because of Labour`s left-wing image, but I believe the opposite is true.

The Labour Party have never had any popular socialist ideals and principles since Aneurin Bevan introduced the NHS, the welfare state and the security of proper jobs through nationalised industries and services.

Apart from promising to scrap the hated bedroom tax and the unpopular Health and Social Care Act, Labour`s policies were not much different than those of the Tories.

The party did not oppose any of the odious £30 billion of cuts in George Osbornw`s agenda, and only wanted to change them by introducing them at a slower pace if they got elected.

The fact that Labour lost the election may be partly due to its leadership qualities.

But in my view it was mainly because people wanted a credible alternative to the Tories, a true socialist party reverting back to the ideals of a mixed economy, fairness, compassion and a welfare state that protects all from poverty.

By rejecting austerity, representing working-class values, the poor, sick and those who are unable to work, Labour could once again be a credible party to the Tories, who are certainly true to their political colours because they know how to look after the rich.

COUNCILLOR PAUL WITTON
Cannock South

Election showed how vote system is unfair

THE General Election once again showed how utterly unfair our voting system can be.

Surely a democratic system should result in seats gained being roughly proportional to votes received but our system has again resulted in nothing like that.

For instance, the Green Party polled nearly four per cent of the votes and got one seat while the SNP with 4.7 per cent of the votes got 56 seats.

The Liberal Democrats received nearly a million more votes than the SNP but were reduced to eight seats.

UKIP received nearly 4 million votes but still ended up with only one seat.

Such results make our voting system a complete mockery of democracy and will encourage people to engage in more violent ways of getting their voices heard.

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Walsall

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Why can't I retire now?

I AM a 61-year-old worker and have worked for 45 years. I would have liked to have retired at 60 but I am unable to do so, due to the Government putting up the retirement age – in my case to 66. Now I have to work for another six years, as I cannot get my pension until then. I would like to hear from anyone who, like me, wishes to write and complain to their MP.

C SOMERFIELD
Hednesford

Memories are short

CANNOCK Chase residents or, at least, those who voted have very short memories.

The Labour governments under Tony Blair and Gordon Brown introduced benefits such as working tax credits and SureStart.

Remember that when the Conservative government have dismantled the welfare state and you're dependent on the food bank.

ALISON WHITE
Rugeley

Days of the jazz bands

I WAS wondering if any Chronicle readers can remember the children's marching jazz bands of the 1970s and 1980s.

To name a few, there were The Longford Troopers, The Mosswood Mosets, The Burntwood Bluebirds, The Coronets, and The Wyrley Wanderers.

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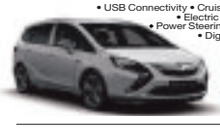

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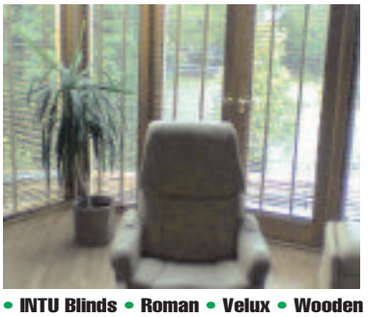

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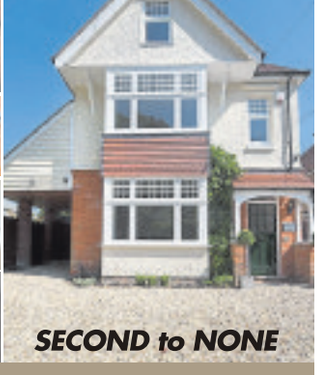

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Campaigners tell of shock as wards axed

Carers given extra help

From left, Caron Rogers, specialist dementia support worker, Sylvia Dunn, Karen Leighton, both Age UK, Rita Holland, support worker

CARERS of people with dementia are to be given critical help in a new Staffordshire 'Sundowning' project.

The pilot scheme was launched to mark Dementia Awareness Week, which ends on Saturday.

It is designed to support carers in Staffordshire looking after people living with mid-stage and advanced stage dementia at a critical time of the day.

The Age UK South Staffordshire pilot is one of five different pilots being launched around the country funded by a grant from Age UK centrally. Common symptoms of mid-stage and advanced dementia are increased levels of confusion and agitation in the late afternoon or at 'sundowning'.

Alzheimer's Society staff and volunteers are encouraging residents to 'do something new' – from dining at a new restaurant to more extreme activities such as abseiling down a bridge – during Dementia Awareness Week.

Other organisations in South Staffordshire which are raising awareness of dementia include South Staffordshire Council and the Alzheimer's Society.

OVERNIGHT cancer care in Stafford will be axed under 'shock' plans to close two wards at County Hospital.

A new chemotherapy suite will open at Cannock Hospital from July and five more beds provided at Royal Stoke Hospital under the move.

Meanwhile, a £2 million revamp will take place at the County Hospital for cancer patient appointments and will open next year.

Recovery beds for cancer patients from Stafford will be transferred back to the County Hospital on a general medical ward.

Wards one and two, which house the haematology and oncology services at the County Hospital will close in August, under the measures announced by the University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust.

Support Stafford Hospital campaigner Karen Howell said the transfer of cancer services came as a shock.

Pressure

She said the two services were not included on the list of services to be axed as part of the downgrade after the controversial administration process. "We think it is outrageous that they are closing two wards. Bit by bit we are seeing our hospital torn apart. It is absolutely appalling," she said.

"The pressure on those with cancer and their families is hard enough without having to travel long distances with extra things to worry about like car park costs and being away from your hometown."

Campaigner Cheryl Porter said: "Cancer affects so many people that this will hit so many in our community."

But trust chief executive Mark Hackett said there was scope in the administrator's report to move the services.

He said that there was fewer than one patient a day using the haematology inpatient facility in Stafford.

George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase Council, welcomed the new chemotherapy suite coming to the town.

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Hughes set for solo tour

CANNOCK-BORN rock star Glenn Hughes is to embark on a solo European tour this autumn in the wake of the split of his previous band California Breed in January. "I'm looking forward to hitting the road with a brand new solo band, and reaching out to as many fans as possible. It's a real pleasure for me to be coming back to perform live," he said. The set will feature songs from his previous bands California Breed, Black Country Communion, Deep Purple, Trapeze and his solo career. The tour starts in Milan on September 15. No UK dates have yet been announced.

HS2 fight 'will go on' in face of Tory victory

CAMPAIGNERS have vowed to continue the fight to stop HS2 despite the fact that a Conservative election victory should ensure a smooth path for the £50 billion project.

An HS2 Hybrid Bill is going through Parliament with royal assent expected in December 2016. Work on the first phase, from London to Birmingham, is due to start in 2017 for completion in 2026.

By Daniel Wainwright

A second, Y-shaped route extending the line north of Birmingham to Manchester and Leeds is due to be finished around 2032-33.

The line would cut through 45 miles of rural Staffordshire including the County Showground and historic Whittington Heath Golf Club near Lichfield and the idyllic village of Ingestre.

Labour has been supportive of the project, but if the party had regained power in the election, its ministers were likely to have taken a close look at the cost of the scheme and also considered whether phase two was feasible.

Complete

Former shadow chancellor Ed Balls warned there would be 'no blank cheque' for HS2. Phase one will see a high-speed line going through Tory heartlands in the Chilterns where many residents and local councils are bitterly opposed to the project.

Despite this, HS2 – and transport generally – appeared not to be a big issue in the General Election campaign.

Richard Houghton, spokesman for anti-HS2 group HS2 Action Alliance,-said: "If people are not directly on the line of HS2, they don't seem to care. Unless the economy takes a complete nosedive, the new government will push on with the project, although there must be some doubt about whether work will start as early as 2017.

"We will continue our campaign of opposition," Mr Houghton added.

"We still think this project is an enormous white elephant for which there is no business case, which is unaffordable and which will cut through areas of outstanding natural beauty.

"There is no firm plan for the London terminus at Euston and there are fears that other rail services will be cut to pay for HS2.

"Few people believe the claim that fares to travel on HS2 will be no more expensive than for travelling on regular services. We will continue to say that the whole project is fatally flawed."

The project could also face difficulties in its passage through the House of Lords.

A Department for Transport spokeswoman said:"We will press ahead with delivering HS2 on time and budget, and we remain on track to start construction in 2017.

"A new terminus at Euston remains an important part of our plans for HS2."

£180k hotel bill for families who are homeless

NEARLY £200,000 was spent last year on paying for homeless families to stay in hotels and bed and breakfasts in Staffordshire and the Black Country.

Cannock Chase Council said it had two single people awaiting an offer of suitable rented housing when their hotel stay will cease.

In the financial year 2013-14 it spent £46,445 offset by £29,508 in housing benefit.

Lichfield District Council said hotels are used only in an emergency if there are no rooms available in bed and breakfasts or guest houses. In the last year, it temporarily housed 11 families in hotels for an average of four nights at a cost of £2,338.

Stafford Borough Council said it had no-one presently in hotels.

In Walsall between April 2014 and April 2015, Walsall Council accommodated a total of 61 households and of these 21 had children. On average they stay seven nights. The total cost is £6,000.

Wolverhampton City Council housed the largest number, at 136 families in bed and breakfasts in a year between 2014 and 2015 at a cost of £87,075.

Taxpayers last year forked out more than £180,000 to cover the cost of overnight stays, latest figures show.

President's role passed on to Lynne

SI Cannock & District

New club chairman is setting the pace

From left, Norma Hutchinson, Angela Reid, Pat Preece, Pat Stanley, Christine Pace, Elizabeth Stephenson, Eileen Cryer and Pat Elwell

THE new president of Soroptimist International Cannock & District is Lynne Tuckley. She was given the chain of office by outgoing president Dr Janis Lomas at the AGM in April.

As she took up her new position and addressed the club, Lynne first congratulated Immediate Past President Janis and her team for the excellent Diamond Year they had organised.

She thanked everyone for allowing her to take on the role of president at a time when the club is in such excellent health and said it was her wish to maintain and build on all that has been achieved and to hand over an equally healthy club in 12 months time.

Her theme for the year is: 'Carpe Diem – Seize the Day!' and she will be encouraging everyone to do that by taking whatever opportunities are offered them.

Lynne has been a Soroptimist for 16 years and has been involved in projects at all levels. She is well known in the area having been an usher and witness support manager at Cannock magistrates court and is now a volunteer for the fire service and at Cannock Hospital.

The first major event Lynne and her team have organised is a quiz to raise funds for victims of domestic violence. It will be held at the Barns on June 30.

Tickets are £8 per person, to include hot food. Tickets and information are available at si.cannock@outlook.com or on 07971 494510.

Cannock Chase Ladies Probus Club

THE Ladies welcomed in their new chairman at the 28th Annual General Meeting, held at The Barns restaurant.

Chairman Pat Stanley welcomed everyone to the Luncheon with a special welcome to Joyce Baxter who had been unable to attend for some time due to her husband's illness. Mrs Stanley conveyed the club's condolences to her on the death of Dennis.

Grace was said by Winifrede Haynes and after lunch the AGM took place.

Annual reports were given by the officers of the committee. In her closing report, Mrs Stanley thanked all club members for all their kindness and support during the past year of Roland's illness and death. She also thanked the members of the committee for their loyal support and those who had agreed to say Grace and gave Votes of Thanks to the guest speakers.

Vice chairman Christine Pace thanked Pat for her hard work and leadershipand presented her with a floral arrangement.

Mrs Stanley invited Mrs Pace to take the chair and presented her with the chairman's badge of office for the ensuing year. In turn, Pat Elwell passed on the past chairman's badge to Mrs Stanley.

Silence for founder member

Cannock TG

THE April Guild meeting was the first for new chairman Gill Loftus who introduced her new committee, which is a lot smaller than usual. The club would love other members to join them.

The meeting started with a minute's silence for founder member Mary Jacques. Many of the members attended her funeral and the Chase Choral Society, with whom Mary was involved, sang three lovely songs that Mary loved after the funeral at The Barns in Cannock.

Local garden nurseryman Justin Harrison brought along many plants which he talked about and he managed to answer a host of questions from the members. This was followed by a big plant sale. The vote of thanks on behalf of members was given by Sandra McLeod.

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"There is a real shortage of locomotives in the UK.

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Mapping out bleak future for Labour

Tom Watson and Emma Reynolds will lose out in the boundary changes

WITHOUT the Liberal Democrats to stop them, the Tories will want to resurrect their review of Parliamentary boundaries – and Labour will suffer for it.

David Cameron decided years ago he wanted to reduce the cost of politics and get rid of 50 out of 650 MPs.

But the redrawing of boundaries hurts Labour's chances of recovering from their General Election defeat.

The Boundary Commission's revisions have been archived since 2013 because the Lib Dems refused to go along with them – punishment for the Tories not backing their reform of the House of Lords. The main casualties are areas like Sandwell and Wolverhampton.

Moved

The Tory seats in southern Staffordshire are largely unchanged, although true blue Stone becomes West Staffordshire and gets a bit of Labour Stoke on Trent South added to it.

There are a few bits of South Staffordshire that get moved in Stafford, but nothing to give Gavin Williamson or Jeremy Lefroy cause for concern.

Wolverhampton North East, the seat held by Labour's Emma Reynolds, gets carved up between a new Wolverhampton East, Wolverhampton West and a new Walsall West. West Bromwich East, held by Tom Watson, also gets split up. Both are big hitters – Miss Reynolds as shadow communities and local government secretary, Mr Watson as a contender for Labour's deputy leadership.

There was no way David Cameron could have had anything to do with the way in which the political maps were redrawn.

But when it comes to holding on to his seats in the Black Country, he could not have planned an advantage for 2020 better if he had been holding a marker pen. Suddenly the result for Labour looks even more bleak.

In the wake of the council elections there is now only one Labour district councillor in the whole of South Staffordshire.

The Tories are so strong there that 14 seats did not even get put to the public vote because no-one challenged their candidates. They now hold 43 out of the 49 seats. Although I'm always wary of one-party authorities or those where the opposition is so small as to be utterly ineffective, there's no getting away from the fact the Conservatives are clearly the ones people wanted, just as in Sandwell, where 71 out of 72 seats belong to Labour.

Our new intake of MPs have spent the week getting themselves settled in to the Commons.

Dudley South Conservative Mike Wood celebrated his victory with his family. His daughter and a friend had a joint birthday party so Mr Wood escorted around 20 six and seven-year-olds around Dudley Zoo.

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Co-op raises £40,000 for victims of quake

THE Midcounties Co-operative has raised £40,000 after launching an emergency fundraising initiative to support victims of the Nepal Earthquake.

Customers, members and colleagues of The Midcounties Co-operative in Staffordshire contributed to the appeal by donating at dedicated collection points in all Midcounties trading sites, including its food stores, travel branches and pharmacy sites, and at its recent AGM. The money will help provide relief for the people of Nepal and co-operative members in the area.

Ben Reid, chief executive officer at The Midcounties Co-operative, said: "The Earthquake in Nepal has touched people's hearts across the world. We have worked hard across all our stores in Staffordshire to make as much of a contribution to the International Co-operative Alliance's emergency fundraising call as possible."

Essential

Meanwhile, the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) has announced that one in four Britons (26 per cent) has made a donation to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Nepal Earthquake Appeal.

The large number of people impacted by the earthquake and the belief that international aid is essential for the disaster are the key drivers for people donating.

The opinion poll was carried out by Populus on behalf of CAF just before news of a second earthquake broke.

In Staffordshire, more than £1,600 was raised by council staff who took part in a 'dress down' day.

Stafford Borough and Stafford County Councils joined forces to raise money cause because of their strong links with the Gurkhas on the Ministry Of Defence site.

Staff were asked to donate in return for wearing casual clothes to the office for the day in aid of the Gurkha Welfare Trust.

The county council raised £1,194.72 and the borough council £432.30.

Pub picks first charities

Staff at The Mill Farm in Lichfield Road, Cannock

A RECENTLY reopened pub in Cannock has pledged to donate quarterly to two charities in the area.

The Mill Farm has chosen SNAP and the David Betteridge Foundation as its first charities, and is now asking customers to nominate a local charity which they believe is worthy of the pub's support.

The charity nomination call follows a significant investment at The Mill Farm, which has opened as a Sizzling pizza, pub and carvery outlet. Guests will be given a token with their meal, which they will be able to put into a jar, in support of their preferred charity.

Graham Roberts, the pub's general manager, said: "We're thrilled to be able to give back to the local community by supporting two local charities.

"We are calling on the people of Cannock to vote for worthy causes in the area, and would encourage anyone who works for a local charity to get in touch."

The Mill Farm opened its doors to the local community on April 24 and has created 12 extra jobs in the area.

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Allotment site reopens

A VILLAGE allotment site has reopened after being closed for more than 40 years. More than 45 plots have been recreated on the former site at High Hill in Essington. It is the result of a six-month community project backed by residents and Essington Parish Council. David Clifft, chairman of Essington Allotments Association, said: "In just six months local residents and parish councillors have transformed the two-acre site from one of being completely overgrown to one of a finely tended field. Over 40 people have already secured their plots, and just a few remain for rent."

Fears over traffic fail to prevent homes bid

PLANS to build 72 homes at an old school site in Rugeley have been given the go-ahead, despite fears raised over increased traffic.

Highways officers pledged to tackle the extra traffic flow caused by the development at Pear Tree Community Primary School. An outline proposal was given permission by councillors last week.

By Deborah Hardiman

Cannock Chase Council's planning committee also gave the nod to a linked scheme for a larger artificial turf sports pitch to be laid at the leisure centre, in Burnthill Lane.

The old Pear Tree school site, in Hardie Avenue, merged with Flaxley Primary to form Chase View school in 2004.

The scheme is for two arms of development around the existing dwellings in Curzon Place aimed at transforming the old school site that has become overgrown during the past 11 years.

Designs

And 20 per cent of the properties would be affordable homes.

Both the town council and Brereton and Ravenhill Parish Council had raised concerns about congestion and road safety regarding the homes development.

But after committee members were told that highways officers were looking into the concerns, Rugeley representative and planning committee member Councillor Michael Grocott welcomed the designs.

He said: "I did have concerns about the amount of traffic already heading to the train station.

"The road is narrow up there, and something needs to be done about Wharf Road.

"There is a lot of new buildings up there as well. If it's the case that highways are looking at the situation, then I would welcome more building in the district, and if part of the site is accessed from Hardie Avenue, then I would also welcome that."

The members agreed to grant the scheme outline permission with conditions. A further full application will be discussed in the future.

Councillor Grocott added: "It was always envisaged that when the new leisure centre is built, and when funding is found, that a full-sized AstroTurf will be put there.

"I am glad to see this application come in. I hope members will support it. This is for all parts of the Chase district to improve access to sports activities."

The western part of the site, owned by Staffordshire County Council, was formerly occupied by Pear Tree Primary School, and the buildings were demolished some years ago.

The eastern part of the site, owned by Cannock Chase Council, is also vacant and comprises of overgrown scrub land.

Both councils are working in partnership with a view to help meet the need of housing in Rugeley and Brereton.

Schools attend forum to build business links

CHASE Chamber held its third Schools Forum at South Staffordshire College which was attended by more than 40 delegates.

There were more than 20 secondary schools and 20 business representatives in attendance, with the aim of creating stronger links between education and enterprise for the benefit of young people in the Chase area.

The open session was facilitated by Tracey Cross from Careers Guidance Solihull, who said: "It was great to see so many people wanting to link schools and employers to benefit the local young people and to help make the transition from education into employment as smooth as possible for them. We generated a lot of great ideas on how to move the project forward."

Paul Wilde, group finance director at Cannock-based ATP Industries Group Ltd, said: "Since our launch of the Southern Staffordshire Schools Forum in September 2014 we have seen encouraging signs that schools within our area are willing to open their doors to local businesses.

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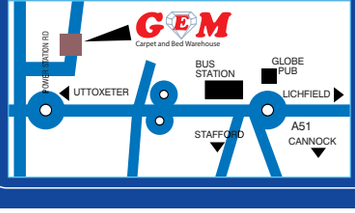

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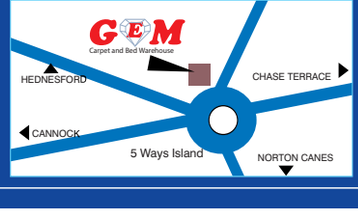

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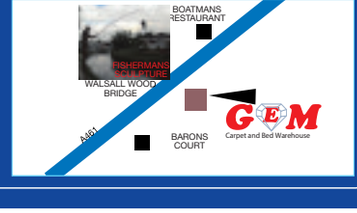

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Gomez joins Ironman starting line-up

Just champion – Javier Gomez has confirmed he will be in the starting line-up on June 14

STAFFORDSHIRE is set to welcome the reigning Ironman world champion to the county when it hosts the sporting spectacular next month.

Javier Gomez has confirmed he will be in the starting line-up on June 14.

He said: "I'm excited to be racing at Staffordshire and am very much hoping to follow on from my success at the 70.3 World Championship."

The Spaniard has not only accumulated one of the best records ever achieved in triathlon history but also proved that he is one of the world's most versatile triathletes, holding championship titles across Olympic and middle distance triathlons.

The event which takes places through the four districts and boroughs of Cannock, Lichfield, East Staffordshire and Stafford, will consists of a 1.2-mile swim, a 56-mile cycle and a 13.1-mile run.

Kevin Stewart, managing director of Ironman UK & Ireland, said: "It is fantastic news that Javier will be racing at Staffordshire.

"He brings with him an incredible track record and extremely high level of racing that promises a very exciting Pro race and quick times on this fast course. This is an amazing opportunity for spectators to come and see such a world-class triathlete in action."

Gomez will be under starter's orders among 2,700 athletes on June 14. Attracting huge local support, this inaugural event has also attracted high-profile names such as Gordon Ramsay, Danny Mills, Jonathan Ross and Charlie Webster to its entry list.

Places for individuals sold out in minutes but entries are available for athletes through the event's official charity partners or as a team relay.

Chidren aged three to 14 can also be part of the action by entering the Ironkids run event on Saturday, June 13, the day before the main event. Distances vary from 500 metres to 2km according to age. Visit www.ironkids.co.uk

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Guests eating at The Orbital can also exchange their own recipes for one of the pub's new desserts on the house.

To be in with a chance, hand your recipe in at the restaurant by June 7 with your name and full contact details.

'Confused picture' as jobless in a new dip

UNEMPLOYMENT is continuing to fall, and a record number of people are now in work.

Official figures show that unemployment dipped to a seven-year low of 1.83 million in the three months to March, although the latest quarterly cut of 35,000 was the smallest for almost two years. In the West Midlands, however, there was a 10,000 rise to 178,000.

By John Corser

The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance fell by 12,600 in April to 763,000 – the 30th consecutive monthly reduction.

Stafford and Cannock Chase bucked the trend of a fall in claimants. Numbers in Stafford were up 19 to 651 (0.8 per cent) and Cannock Chase by 11 to 855 (1.4 per cent). Lichfield was down 34 to 386 (0.6 per cent) and South Staffordshire down 22 to 831 (1.2 per cent).

In the West Midlands, the total claiming was down 2,475 at 84,851 (2.4 per cent of the working population).

Trend

And while Wolverhampton still has the joint highest rate in the region at 4.4 per cent, the city's total was down 234 to 7,013.

There were also falls in Dudley, down 173 to 5,530 (2.9 per cent), Sandwell, 153 to 7,235 (3.7 per cent) and Walsall, 123 to 5,060 (three per cent).

Wyre Forest, including Kidderminster, also fell by 61 to 851 (1.4 per cent).

Jobcentre Plus employment and partnership manager Cathy Taylor, who is based in Wolverhampton, said there was a continuing trend of falling unemployment in the region.

"We are getting more people into jobs, and there are still a lot of jobs available, particularly in the Wolverhampton area," she said.

"From 12 months ago, there are now 30.8 per cent more people in work across the Black Country."

She said that locally, two big warehousing companies were recruiting, and more quality inspection roles and sales jobs in retail were coming on stream, including a new Poundland store in Bilston. Marston's was also taking on more bar staff.

Business leaders in Birmingham have called on the Government to provide greater incentives for companies to take on the unemployed.

Greg Lowson, president of Birmingham Chamber, said: "There is a rather confused picture in the West Midlands on the jobs front, and this may be seasonal.

"This underlines that it's very much work in progress in the West Midlands and that any temptation to increase interest rates should be resisted."

Nationally, employment continued to rise, up by 202,000 in the three months to March to more than 31 million – the highest since records began in 1971.

The UK now has an employment rate of 73.5 per cent, also a record, although for men the figure is even higher at 78.4 per cent.

Firm's MD hits at 'unfair' zero hours contracts

THE managing director of a Cannock courier company has hit out at zero hours contracts, dubbing them 'completely unfair' as he aims to find more staff.

Andy Evans of EDS Couriers, based in Fairway, Bridgtown, said he was now having to recruit agency staff for warehouse work, with many on zero hours contracts.

He said: "The unfortunate reality is that the people we have encountered on zero hours contracts don't care anywhere near as much about their job as people who have more traditional working terms and conditions in their employment agreements. Of course, if someone chooses such a contract by choice because it fits in with their life, then that's great but many are forced into it through wanting to work."

"Zero hours contracts seem to have been drawn up and promoted by employers who see people as a cost to the business, rather than an investment," Mr Evans added.

"This is such a strange concept to us. In the last 10 months we have recruited 20 new permanent members of staff, growing from a team of 60 to 80.

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80s treble season memoir is a winner

BOOK REVIEWS

THERE was an unsung hero among Liverpool's all-conquering 1983/84 squad — Chris Rea.

The singer's little knowm hit I Don't Know What It Is But I Love It became the club's anthem during its treble-winning campaign and spawned the title of this Tony Evans tome. And it couldn't be a more appropriate title.

Led by 63-year-old 'Smokin' Joe Fagan, in his first year as boss, The Reds had a lot a lot to live up to following Bob Paisley's trophy-laden years. Despite a depleted squad, injuries to key players at key times — and even the ignominy of losing twice to relegated Wolves – Liverpool overcame the odds to lift the League title, the League Cup — beating Walsall en route — and then the big one, the European Cup, downing AS Roma in their own backyard.

Evans, who grew up a Liverpool fan, in now football editor at The Times. He followed the club at home and abroad during the epic 67-game season, watching all 42 Anfield games.

I Don't Know What It Is But I Love It (Penguin, paperback, £9.99) is his account of the players' booze-fuelled journey through that campaign, how team spirit and togetherness won the day.

Evans speaks to most of the leading players to gather their verdicts of that memorable season and also gains access to Smokin' Joe's diary. The result is just what Liverpool proved to be back in the day — a winner! It's a riveting read, one that you don't need to be a Liverpool supporter, or even a football fan, to thoroughly enjoy.

Mark Shipp

When it comes to plot twists, Game of Thrones has got nothing on English history in the 17th century. That most

I Don't Know What It Is But I Love It — how Liverpool won the treble

meticulous of historians Peter Ackroyd reaches the Stuarts and the bloodiest conflict on English soil in **Civil War: The History of England Volume III (Pan, paperback, £9.99)**.

Surprisingly Ackroyd doesn't dwell too much on the battles of the actual war in this weighty volume but is peerless in his exploration of the political machinations and religious fervour which split the nation. He follows the story of a doomed royal house from the jubilation at the union of England and Scotland at the start of the century under a Stuart king, to the ignoble flight of the last true Stuart king by its end.

Ackroyd turns up many anecdotes that bring the clash between Roundhead and Cavalier vividly to life. He also paints a detailed picture of the two most important players in this drama, grimly determined Oliver Cromwell and the impetuous, imperious Charles I.

People tend to have more 'stuff' now than ever before. The consumer society has left many living in homes cluttered with clothes they don't wear, gadgets they don't use and food they won't eat.

Trend spotter James Wallman suggests in his book **Stuffocation (Penguin, paperback, £9.99)** that people don't just need a clean out, they need to fundamentally revalue their lives by putting the emphasis on experiences rather than 'stuff'.

He claims that living a simpler, clutter-free life can make people healthier and happier. There are lots of examples of people who have turned their back on the consumer society. However, it seems to me that the resourceful people he highlights, mostly American, come from wealthy and highly educated backgrounds that mean if their minimalist, 'experientialist' lifestyle experiment fails, they will be able to ease their way back into consumer society.

In a world where many are drowning not in 'stuff' but the Mediterranean ocean because they would like to have some 'stuff' too, rather than live in poverty or a war zone, moaning about a clutter crisis seems terribly bourgeois.

Maybe we just need some — deep breaths please — calm. Calm the mind, change the world suggests Michael Acton Smith in his book entitled, you guessed it, **Calm (Penguin, paperback, £9.99)**. It is a superbly designed volume, it even feels nice in your hands, and reminds me of Kerri Smith's similarly unconventional books such as Wreck This Journal.

Calm is full of tips on how to get rid of stress. Though the cynical may snort at some of the ideas, there is some good practical advice here for those who find modern life getting too demanding.

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Chase to benefit in the long run

Emma Beaman, Assistant AONB Officer for Cannock Chase, and Ashley Hodgkins of Mash Running

A RUNNING events company has been recognised for its efforts in helping to protect Cannock Chase. Mash Running was awarded a Proud to Protect' certificate by Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) managers.

Earlier this year, a We Heart Cannock Chase AONB pack was launched to remind event organisers of their obligations to look after the beauty spot. The pack also showed how groups and companies could achieve their Proud to Protect Cannock Chase AONB certification.

Mash Running said it was delighted to receive its Proud to Protect certificate, following its pledge to help protect the AONB when holding events in the area. Mash Running encourages people of all abilities to enjoy the great outdoors and hosts trail running events in the Midlands, including The Cannock Chase Series. The races are open to everyone, from first timers to established club runners.

Ashley Hodgkins, race organiser for Mash Running, said: "Our Cannock Chase Series includes three events that attracts more than one thousand runners each year.

"This is why it is so important for us to have as little impact on the AONB as possible." To find out more about Mash Running, visit www.mashrunning.co.uk

To download the pack, visit www.aonb-blog.co.uk/love

Chairman stresses pride in 'Gateway'

THE chairman of Hednesford Town Council says it faces 'many and varied challenges' as it works to increase public pride in the 'Gateway to Cannock Chase'.

Councillor Doris Grice said the future of the town's library and health and public services were the most important issues amid the current cutbcks.

In her address to the Hednesford Town Meeting, she paid tribute to the 'sterling efforts' of the Friends of Hednesford Park and Cannock Chase Council for continued improvements to the park and war memorial.

The council was also pleased to support proposals for all-weather pitches on the site of the former West Cannock No 5 Social Club in Bradbury Lane, she said.

Praised

"This will provide first-class leisure facilities for the people of Hednesford," she said.

Councillor Grice also welcomed the 'transformation' of the town centre and praised floral decorations as 'outstanding once again'.

She added: "Business is still showing confidence in the area, for example with the redevelopment of the Anglesey Lodge by JD Wetherspoon into the Hedgford Lodge. The town council has been consulted on the Mill Green Designer Outlet Village and believes that by working closely with the developer there could be beneficial spin-offs for Hednesford."

Councillor Grice also drew attention to Hednesford's CCTV, which the council pays around £25,000 towards each year – less than £2 per elector, she said.

"This ensures Hednesford still has the only free town centre car parking in the entire district and as well as the economic benefits, we should all feel safer. We have received regular reports on CCTV activity and are delighted that two cameras lost as part of the Victoria Street development are about to be replaced," she said.

By Simon Stone

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Care home picks up a Dignity award

Bracken House resident Gladys Johnson, third from left, and staff from the home receive the award

A BURNTWOOD care home has been awarded a top prize for putting people's dignity at the heart of everything they do.

Staffordshire County Council presented Bracken House with a Dignity in Care Award in the Dignity Learning category. The awards recognise care services that respect an individual's dignity, ensuring they are treated with respect, they can freely express their needs and wants, and they can maintain the maximum level of independence, choice and control.

Bracken House, managed by the Accord Group, offers specialist support for people with dementia and Alzheimer's. Unit manager Helen Brown said: "This award is testament to the great team that work here that provide outstanding care and go that extra mile to ensure people are treated with respect and dignity no matter what their condition."

Court warning as patrols to target nuisance dogs

A CRACKDOWN is being carried out against pet owners who allow their dogs to cause a nuisance in Cannock.

Regular patrols have been launched by Cannock Chase Council to reduce the number of animals left to stray or behave in a dangerous manner.

Fixed penalties can be issued or people taken to court if they fail to properly control their dogs across the area.

Council chiefs recently launched a successful prosecution against a resident as part of its drive.

Stafford Magistrates Court handed a £90 fine to Le-Ann Smith of Rowley Close, Hednesford, after she pleaded guilty to allowing her dog to stray off the lead.

She was initially served with a £75 fixed-penalty notice after a council enforcement officer saw her dog roaming in Rowley Close. If paid within 10 days, it would have been reduced to £50.

However, after failing to pay the fixed penalty she instead faced prosecution in the magistrates court. In addition to the fine she was also ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £20 and costs totalling £250.

Councillor Carl Bennett

Councillor Carl Bennett, cabinet member for environment, said: "By paying the fixed penalty of £75 those caught could avoid prosecution and the significantly higher penalties. Offenders could face a fine of up to £1,000 along with substantial costs and would also avoid getting a criminal record."

"Cannock Chase Council would have no hesitation in bringing cases before the court for those choosing not to pay.

"The council is committed to tackling irresponsible dog owners and would welcome the support of local residents in identifying those anti-social dog owners who allow their dogs to harass other people and their animals or fail to pick up after their dog has fouled.

"Officers regularly undertake patrols across the district in an effort to tackle those responsible for dog fouling."

The Government has recently put new laws into place to deal with irresponsible dog owners, tackling dogs that behave dangerously towards people and other dogs.

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Brothers hoping to reel in cash backing

Brothers Ritchie, left, and Scott Sieradzki get ready to pitch their idea for a new company, Reelo, to Richard Branson

THREE entrepreneurial brothers are looking to pitch their idea to one of the world's leading self-made businessmen – Sir Richard Branson.

Scott, Ritchie and James Sieradzki, from Cannock are hoping to get £50,000 backing from the businessman through Virgin's Pitch to Rich competition.

Their business idea, Reelo, is a free online movie streaming service, designed to give a better deal to film makers and advertisers.

They aim to banish pirate film websites and change the way people watch adverts, making them a rewarding experience, rather than an annoyance.

Scott said: "Our platform would give users the ability to watch films for free.

"By watching a few adverts, users will be rewarded with tokens called stubs – which can be redeemed in order to view films for free.

"The more attention that you pay to the adverts, the more stubs you can get.

"The point of our idea is to stop film companies getting an unfair deal by pirate websites, and give customers what they want – legal, free films."

Councils spying on hundreds of people

COUNCILS have used spy powers to snoop on residents nearly 400 times in five years.

Surveillance powers have been used 388 times, including to catch fly-tippers, graffiti vandals, noisy neighbours, and dog foulers, since 2010. Techniques vary from direct surveillance, such as following a suspect, to intercepting their phone records.

By Rob Golledge

Staffordshire County Council has used powers under the Regulatory Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 33 times since 2010.

Stafford Borough Council has used it five times.

Wolverhampton used the powers 152 times, Sandwell Council 180 times, and Dudley Council 18 times.

But the use has been cut dramatically to a handful of occasions in the past two years since local authorities were required to get magistrates' permission.

The use of the powers have been hit by controversy after it was revealed police forces had been using the legislation to identify journalists' sources. Civil rights campaigners say the law was passed to fight terrorism and serious organised crime but authorities were able to unjustifiably intrude into residents' lives.

Figures show the powers were mostly used to catch rogue traders and benefits cheats and those committing anti-social behaviour. All councils said they have not targeted journalists.

Staffordshire County Council used surveillance powers nine times to investigate underage alcohol sales, on seven occasions in suspected benefit cheat cases, and four times in trading standard cases and four times in underage tobacco sale investigations.

Walsall Council failed to respond to a request for the data under the Freedom of Information Act.

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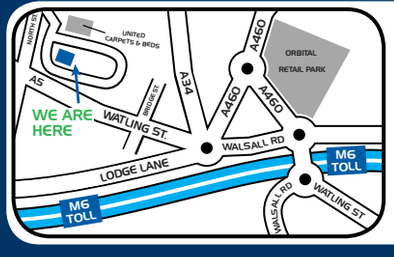

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Leisure centres to help patients become active

TWO schemes to help people affected by cancer and those with long-term medical conditions to get active and healthy have been launched.

Active After Cancer is a partnership between WLCT, which runs leisure services on behalf of Cannock Chase Council, and Macmillan Cancer Support.

It involves specialist cancer rehabilitation nurses referring patients for a 12-week physical activity programme.

Specialist activity instructors based at Rugeley Leisure Centre and Chase Leisure Centre have been trained in working with people affected by cancer and long-term conditions such as diabetes and heart disease to support them to find safe and effective ways of becoming more active.

They can provide a range of individually tailored support, from supervised sessions, to a wide range of group activities and classes where there is an opportunity to meet other people who have had similar experiences.

Changes

The Active Living Referral is provided by WLCT, working with health professionals including GPs and practice nurses, and involves them identifying people who would benefit from being more active and referring them to the Active Living team at WLCT.

Cancer and its treatments can cause physical changes, and dealing with these is often stressful.

Being more physically active can help with some of the side effects during and after cancer treatment, such as fatigue, stress, anxiety, and weight gain, and there is also some evidence that it may help reduce the risk of certain cancers coming back.

People with long-term conditions such as hypertension and arthritis can benefit hugely from being more physically active as it can help people manage their condition better as well as improving their quality of life.

For a free consultation with a specialist activity instructor, call 01889 586260 or ask your doctor, cancer nurse specialist or GP to refer you.

Back, from left, George Gaye from WLCT and Anna Lynall, Macmillan involvement coordinator, with, front from left, Michael Davey and David Arthur who are benefiting from the schemes, and Mike Edmonds from Cannock Chase Council

New pool plan at fishery

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

Coppice Lane Pools, Coarse Fishery, Coppice Lane, Hammerwich – construction of additional coarse fishing pool and hardstanding for car parking.

Busy Bees Nursery Ltd, Shaftsbury Drive, Burntwood – retention of 21 2.5m-high lighting columns.

The Cottages, Hollow Lane, Colton – installation of dormer window.

68 Severn Drive, Burntwood – proposed first-floor side extension to form bedroom, bathroom and en suite.

Jet, 150 Cannock Road, Burntwood – installation of Click and Collect lockers and associated signage, installation of non-illuminated signs associated with Click and Collect facility.

Land at Baker Street, Burntwood – erection of five bungalows and associated works.

17 Heath View, Burntwood – single-storey side and rear extension to form utility, dining room and study.

186 High Street, Chasetown – erection of detached single-storey building to form granny annexe comprising bedroom, kitchen, lounge and bedroom.

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CD REVIEWS
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Lau, from left Martin Green, Kris Drever and Aidan O'Rourke

Lau
The Bell That Never Rang

KRIS Drever is one of those singers who has an instantly recognisable voice.

From the very first note out of his mouth you know it's him but he is just one third of the impressive Lau.

The trio's latest album has only six tracks but don't think you are being palmed off with a steroid injected EP, there is close to 45 minutes of music in those tunes.

It opens with industrial sounding music which has the beat reminiscent of a piece of machinery similar to Pink Floyd's Welcome To The Machine, with Drever's voice slightly muted in the background.

Martin Green provides the effects and Aidan O'Rourke adds the highlights of his fiddle playing.

The Death of the Dining Car has a much more traditional strand to it, with O'Rourke providing the sawing sound of the fiddle.

This album seems to be much more experimental and shows the trio playing around with a variety of rhythms and combinations of sounds from their impressive library of instruments.

This is a collection that needs more than one hearing and isn't going to be to everyone's taste but it does have enough folk elements to keep it rooted in the traditionaland is a fascinating set of tracks.

The Bell That Never Rang is certainly different to anything around at the moment .

The Bell That Never Rang is out now on Reveal Records.

The April Maze
Sleeping Storm

Sleeping storm is an album packed with evocative music, haunting singing and enigmatic lyrics from duo and married couple Sivan Agam and Todd Mayhew who have a talent for complex and thoroughly sumptuous tunes.

The opener and title track introduces Agam's velvet voice which has a depth like that of June Tabor. The haunting sound of her voice with the drawl of her cello is so atmospheric you are engulfed in their world from the first notes.

With I've Seen The Rain provides a thoroughly indulgent sound with hints of REM.

Mayhew has an impressive voice, full of emotion . Sleeping Storm is a really cool album, Agam and Mayhew have the whole packageand a distinctive sound, what's not to like? Sleeping Storm is out now on MGM records

Rura
Despite The Dark

Scottish five-piece band Rura certainly don't believe on skimping when it comes to an opening track, at more than seven minutes the spooky Dark Reel is the longest on the album.

The eerie windswept effect gives way to the reassuringly Scottish sound of Steven Blake on the pipes.

Bagpipes can be a polarising instrument, it some ways they are the Bovril of the music world but if you wanted to get someone on board then a good start would be Rura. . Despite The Dark is out now.

Fabian Holland
A Day Like Tomorrow

Just by listening to Fabian Holland you would guess he lives on a river boat. His songs are languid, thoughtful and full of the observations you can only get by gliding gently through life espying and noting all that passes before you.

He is a very contemporary and yet an old style folk singer.

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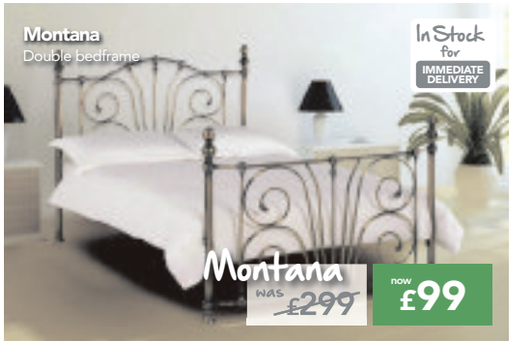

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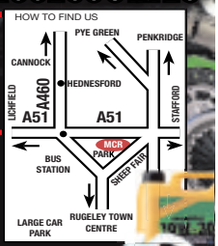

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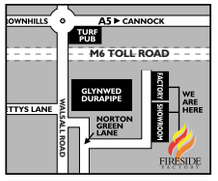

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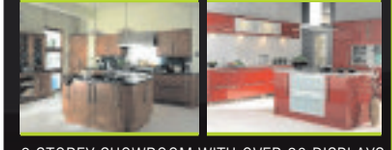

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Showcase dates for holiday homes

COMMERCIAL FEATURE

THE owners of a premier group of parks in the Heart of England & Mid Wales are opening their gates next week to welcome visitors who want to explore the idea of holiday home ownership.

The aptly named "Bestparks" group are hosting a Showcase Weekend from May 30 to June 1 at all of their six, first class country parks.

This family-owned group prides itself on operating a range of parks that never compromise on the Bestparks 5 star standards.

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"What sets us apart from our competitors is that we have parks within our group that can match most holiday home owner's needs"explained Alwyn Jones, founder of the business and father to Wayne and Glenn who both run their own Bestparks.

"Some people want more facilities for families, whilst others want small and intimate country retreats. Within the Bestparks group we are able to deliver on all counts!"

The proud father continued "Wayne and Sarah's park – Poston Mill – is unrivalled in the area for location and park facilities, whilst Pearl Lake run by Glenn and Hannah is a luxury country park set around a breathtaking 15-acre glacier lake."

Other parks include The Smithy in Mid Wales, which is popular with people from the Midlands wanting a high quality halfway point for the coast; Arrow Bank a small select park in the historical village of Eardisland; Westbrook a touring park near Ludlow and Rockbridge Park at Presteigne which also has park homes for sale.

Lovely setting from these luxury holiday homes

The open weekend is a chance for all six parks to showcase themselves and their facilities and an opportunity for visitors to view the wide range of holiday homes on display.

Each park will be hosting events over the weekend and as all the parks are within an hour's drive of each other visitors have a great opportunity to also enjoy this beautiful region.

You can download a show guide and free tickets for the events at www.bestparks.co.uk

Lowe and behold songs are sharp

Jez Lowe & Kate Bramley
Woodman Folk Club, Kingswinford

JEZ Lowe is one of the most respected singer/songwriters on the folk circuit and he may have been around longer than he cares to admit but he has lost none of his political edge.

Lowe was joined on stage by the multi-talented Kate Bramley who is a long-standing tour partner of his and has worked with him as part of the Bad Pennies. She took over the singing for Northern Song Bird which is rather appropriate.

The North East troubadour is as relaxed on stage as you would imagine from someone who has plied his trade all over the world.

There were old favourites such as Tekkin On Men about the long lost shipyards of Tyneside as well as a good range of tunes from his latest album The Ballad Beyond from where his opening song Tether's End comes. He Pulled out his harmonica for Back In Durham Jail, which Lowe reckons is the official tune of San Francisco Morris Dancers.

Bramley is an excellent fiddle player but she really shone on the night when she played the mandolin making such a magical sound.

Lowe's style is to put on a laid back show which is part therapy, part stand up and wholly thought provoking.

Danny Farragher

Young'uns roar at the Red Lion

The Young'uns
Red Lion Folk Club, Birmingham

LAUNCHING straight into Billy Bragg's Between the Wars it became clear why they have won so many awards in the past 12 months, not least of which is Best Group at the Radio2 Folk Awards.

David Eagle, Michael Hughes and Sean Cooney carry their main instruments with them, their magnificent voices.

The Stockton singers had the packed audience in the upper room of the Red Lion in the palm of their hands, enthralling them with their singing and witty and caustic banter.

The trio followed this with their biting social comment on Channel 4's controversial series with You Won't Find Me On Benefits Street from their new album Another Man's Ground.

Their moving ballads included Private Hughes, Waiting For The Ferry and the Streets of Lahore, and banging vocals in Shawnee Town, Tom Paine's Bones and Jimmy Go Down To Your Uncles. **DF**

REVIEWS

Andrew Lancel, Juror No.3, is restrained during a crucial moment of the play

Storm brewing inside and out for these 12 angry men

12 Angry Men
The Grand, Wolverhampton

THIS story is of a jury deliberating on the fate of a teenager facing the electric chair for murder in 1950s America.

Reginald Rose's adaptation keeps all the tension, prejudice, angst, anger and pathos of the original.

Set in the stifling confines of the jury room with a storm brewing both inside and out, each of the 12 bring their bias, understanding, apathy, indifference, compassion and sense of justice into the melting pot.

The characters are simply known by jury numbers because they could be any of us. The central figure, Juror No.8, played passionately by Jason Merrells, is the lone voice among the dozen and who is the only one to express his misgivings, while all around him are convinced it's an open and shut case.

Andrew Lancel gets his teeth into the role of Juror No.3 and gives a superb performance as the disillusioned father wanting to vent his anger, hurt and revenge on the defendant.

Denis Lill as Juror No.10 who says nothing much but very loudly and venomously, is also in fine form. The whole cast give solid performances.

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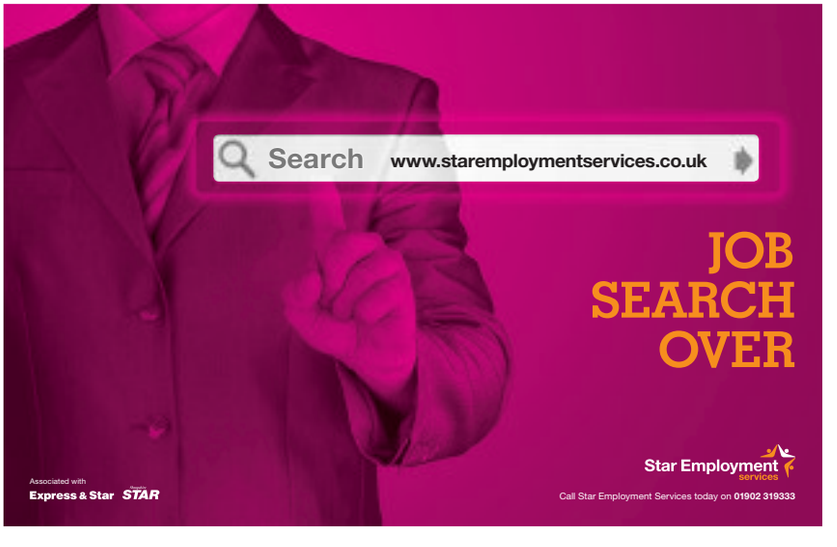

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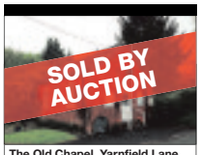

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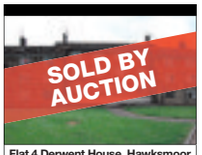

Flat 4 Derwent House, Hawksmoor Road, Stafford, ST17 9DU
- First floor flat
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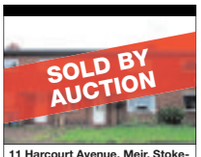
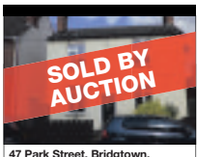
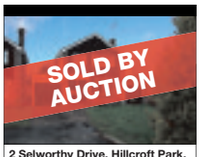


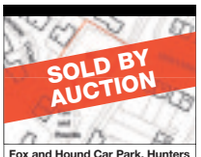
11 Harcourt Avenue, Meir, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire ST3 5LX
- Semi-detached house
- Four bedrooms



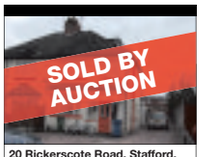
47 Park Street, Bridgtown, Cannock, Staffordshire WS11 0BT
- Detached house
- Needing renovation and repair



2 Selworthy Drive, Hillcroft Park, Stafford, Staffordshire ST17 0PN
- Detached house
- Two reception rooms



Fox and Hound Car Park, Hunters Close, Staffordshire ST18 ORT
- Development opportunity
- 2 x 4 bedroom houses



20 Rickerscote Road, Stafford, Staffordshire, ST17 9ET
- Semi detached house
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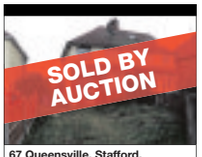

67 Queensville, Stafford, Staffordshire, ST17 4NL
- Requires full modernisation
- Semi detached house

Old Horiz House, Hatton Manor, Staffordshire ST21 6SD
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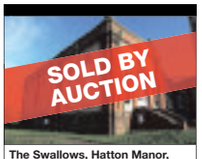
- Three bedroom semi
- Popular location

39 Shale Street, Bilston, West Midlands WV14 0HF
- Terraced house
- Two bedrooms



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- Development opportunity
- Cottage & barns

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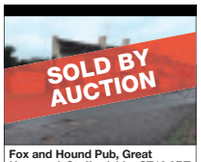
- Period features



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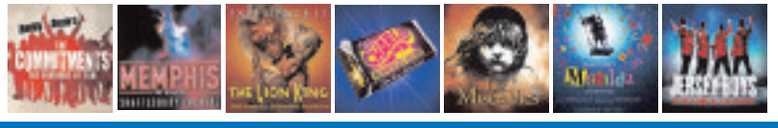

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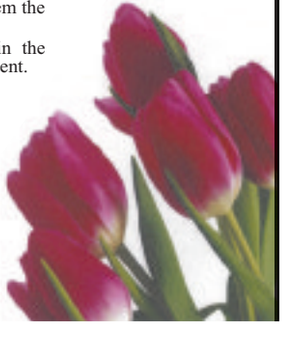

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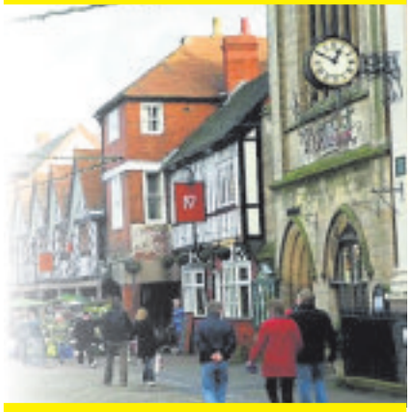

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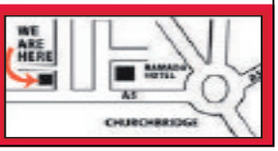

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Thu at 7.30pm, £12
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Fri at 7.30pm, £8 - £13
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Tue at 11am, 2.30pm,
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Check out full listings in **the ticket** in Friday's Express & Star

Get set for those Good Vibrations

Fans can get into a surfing feelgood mood with a string of Beach Boys hits

CALIFORNIAN surfing feelgood music from the golden age of the 60s and 70s will be coming to Birmingham's Barclaycard Arena next week.

The Beach Boys have been through it all in their career, spanning five decades; deaths, court battles, line-up changes and walk-outs –there isn't much they haven't seen or done. Surfin' USA, Little Deuce Coupe, God Only Knows and Good Vibrations are just some of the songs on their never-ending list of hits. Fans will be able to turn back the clock at the Arena next Friday (29).

Inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1988 and recipients of The Recording Academy's Lifetime Achievement Grammy Award, The Beach Boys are an American institution that is iconic around the world.

The touring band is led by original member Mike Love and Bruce Johnston, who joined in 1965, alongside supporting musicians John Cowsill, Tim Bonhomme, Randell Kirsch, Scott Totten and Christian Love.

Out and About and loving it

IN the first 18 months since its launch, Paul's McCartney's Out There tour has been seen by almost two million people around the world.

And after this year's chart-topping collaborations with Kanye West and Rihanna and performance at the Grammys, Paul announced plans to bring the tour back to Europe for nine special dates, including one at Birmingham's Barclaycard Arena.

So far, this tour has seen Paul and his band perform a total of 64 shows in 12 different countries in venues of all different shapes and sizes.

Album

And no doubt the Birmingham date next Wednesday (27) will again attract a sell-out crowd.

The 'Out There' tour features music from one of the best-loved catalogues in popular music, including Let it Be, Hey Jude, Live and Let Die, Band on the Run and Ebony and Ivory.

Paul will perform songs that span his entire career – as a solo artist, member of Wings and of course as a Beatle. The set list will also include material from Paul's most recent studio album New, which was a global hit upon its release in 2013.

Lord of the Dance gets futuristic twist

THE Lord of the Dance phenomenon enters a new phase with Dangerous Games, directed by Michael Flatley and featuring a new generation of dancers who update Irish dance tradition.

World, British and All-Ireland dance champion Birmingham's Megan Kerrigan is part of the 40-strong ensemble in the sci-fi sequel to Riverdance with robots and holograms that, despite hi-tech innovation, is drawn from folklore. Morgan Comer stars as the Lord of the Dance with Tom Cunningham as the Dark Lord.

It is at Symphony Hall from tomorrow (Friday) to Tuesday, plus weekend matinees. Prices start at £33. See www.thsh.co.uk or call 0121 345 0600.

Great songs and satirical comedy

SINGER Lorna Luft will be celebrating the music of her mother when she performs The Songbook of Judy Garland at the New Alexandra Theatre from tonight to Saturday. Helping her will be special guests, crooner Ray Quinn and Wicked star Louise Dearman.

Jeremy Hardy regularly takes a satirical look at middle class mores and the establishment in his BBC show Jeremy Hardy Speaks To The Nation. He is also known for his self-deprecating turns on I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue and takes a swipe at current events on The News Quiz. His stand-up show is at the Wulfrun Hall tomorrow night.

Counting on Crows for one-off concert

CALIFORNIAN rock band Counting Crows are coming to Wolverhampton Civic Hall for the only British concert hall date of their European tour.

Fronted by singer Adam Duritz, the band have sold more than 20 million albums since exploding onto the scene with their album August and Everything After in 1993, including the hit single Mr Jones.

They recently released their seventh album, Somewhere Under Wonderland.

Tickets for their Wednesday, June 10, concert in Wolverhampton cost £41.25 including fees. See www.wolvescivic.co.uk or call 0970 320 7000.

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Pub is ploughing ahead

LEIGH SANDERS popped into the Plough & Harrow at Aldridge, near Walsall, and was impressed with what he found

Highly recommended – the Plough and Harrow has interesting menu options

Warm and friendly atmosphere greets you on arrival

What did it feel like?

This is a great little pub, which has been stylishly refurbished to maximise the comfortable dining experience.

The lighting is just right, the décor big without being too bold. There are huge hanging decorations and a glass wine lock-up situated in the middle to get the connoisseurs fidgeting in their seats.

They have fitted a number of tables in to the space available, but the way they are laid out never makes you feel cramped.

How were the staff?

Dressed in a smart-casual manner they were attentive, professional and friendly from the start. They chatted about drinks and food and hinted at recommendations without trying to push you towards any given dish.

The place was fairly busy, yet they kept the level of service throughout other than the dessert menus being left with us a little too long before we were able to get the bill.

What did you start with?

The deep-fried crusted Somerset brie was a delight. It came with an apricot and cumin chutney which had a nice tang to it and cut through the smoothness of the cheese.

We also opted for the salt and Szechuan pepper squid, complete with cucumber ribbons and garlic aioli. The amount of pepper sprinkled in was perfect and the squid itself was just the right texture. It was a delightful start to the evening.

What came next?

The garlic and buttermilk battered halloumi is a must-try. It comes with twice-cooked chunky chips, homemade pea purée and a tartare sauce. The latter is not your standard fare. Thick in texture and with a really vibrant flavour it complimented the halloumi well.

The chips, however, could have been a little warmer. They had perhaps been sat too long before being brought out to the table. However, they still tasted great and, again, stood head and shoulders above other pub grub efforts.

We also ordered Dauphinoise potatoes on the side, which were a little dry towards the bottom but on the whole were as you would want them – soft and creamy.

What was the other main course?

We also selected the slow-cooked British beef and Black Sheep Ale pie.

The pastry was gorgeous and there was plenty of filling to get stuck into.

At first it seemed as if the ale had made it a little too runny, but as this soaked into the pastry it became clear these fears were unfounded and there was plenty to dip your other ingredients into for extra flavour. These consisted of borage, honey roasted carrots and a healthy dollop of kale and cabbage mashed potato.

The mashed potato in particular was well done. It was thick and creamy, and with the vegetables mixed in it gave it a good consistency that could mop up some of that remaining sauce from the pie.

But no desserts on this occasion?

No, time was against us unfortunately. But not that the menu didn't do its best to get us to stay longer. There is a real variety for those with a sweet tooth.

The winter berry Eton Mess sounded delightful.

A good night then?

Definitely. Well-priced and with great food and service. We will be back.

CHOICE

Electro Velvet

Eurovision Song Contest
BBC1, 8pm
Graham Norton comments on all the action from the Wiener Stadthalle in Vienna, Austria, as the 60th annual Eurovision Song Contest reaches its grand final. Last year's winner Conchita Wurst hears from the current crop of stars in the green room, including the confirmed finalists in the form of Austria's home act the Makemakes, Austalia's Guy Sebastian, French singer Lisa Angell, Germany's Ann Sophie, Italian pop-opera trio Il Volo, Spain's Edurne, and the UK's own pop duo Electro Velvet. Back in the studio in London, a surprise spokesperson will announce which acts the United Kingdom favours as results from across Europe are gathered.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Paul Hollywood's Bread. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. A look ahead at the day's events. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00 Film:** Father of the Bride Part II. (1995) A put-upon dad is plunged into a midlife crisis as he deals with the news that his daughter is having a baby – and so is his wife. Comedy sequel, with Steve Martin and Diane Keaton. **3.40** Escape to the Continent. A recently married couple hoping to move to Valencia. (R) **4.40** Celebrity Mastermind. With Chris van Tulleken, Denise Robertson, Milton Jones and Adele Silva. (R) **5.10** Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. Action from the battle for pole position at the Circuit de Monaco in Monte Carlo, where the sixth round of the season takes place.

6.45 BBC News.

6.55 Regional Programme.

7.00 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins – Eurovision Special. Game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. The first couple to win two rounds get to play for £50,000 and each time the champions defeat a new set of opponents their winnings mount up. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

8.00 Eurovision Song Contest. Graham Norton narrates as the 60th annual Eurovision Song Contest reaches its grand final. The action comes live from the Wiener Stadthalle in Vienna, Austria, where Mirjam Weichselbraun, Alice Tumler and Arabella Kiesbauer will be overseeing the event as hosts.

11.35 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

11.55 Peter Kay's Car Share. Kayleigh is tasked to promote national blackcurrant jam week, so John encourages her by offering plenty of unwanted advice. Wry comedy, co-written by and starring Peter Kay and Sian Gibson. Last in the series. (R)

12.25 Film: Win a Date with Tad Hamilton! (2004) A supermarket checkout girl wins a date with a film star, much to the annoyance of her lovesick best friend. Romantic comedy, starring Kate Bosworth, Topher Grace and Josh Duhamel. **1.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.20 Film: A Walk in the Sun. (1945) **8.10 Film:** Jubal. (1956) **9.50** Animal Park. (R) **10.50** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.50** Alex Polizzi: Chefs on Trial. (R) **12.50** Hitch. **1.50** Shirley MacLaine: Talking Pictures. (R) **2.35 Film:** The Trouble with Harry. (1955) Black comedy, starring Edmund Gwenn. **4.10** F1 Rewind: Title Battles. **5.10** Flog It! (R) **5.30** Britain's Greatest Generation. (R)

6.30 Golf: PGA Highlights. Hazel Irvine presents highlights of the third round of the PGA Championship, the European Tour event that takes place on the West Course at the Wentworth Club in Surrey. Eventual champion Rory McIlroy was tied for fourth following the third round of last year's tournament, on an overall score of eight-under-par, and had a lot of ground to make up being seven shots behind leader Thomas Bjorn. Commentary comes from Peter Alliss, Ken Brown and Andrew Cotter.

7.30 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring puts the defence of the realm before personal pride, resulting in problems. Classic comedy with the Home Guard, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)

8.00 RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2015. Monty Don and Joe Swift anticipate the sounding of the bell that announces the end of this year's event, and begins the Great Chelsea sell-off. While they wait, they provide viewers with another chance to relive highlights from the BBC's coverage of the show throughout the last week.

9.00 Film: Great Expectations. (2012) Premiere. A penniless orphan is chosen by a reclusive spinster to be a playmate for her cold-hearted ward, whom he falls in love with. As he grows up, a mysterious benefactor offers him the chance to rise into high society, but dark secrets lie behind both the object of his adoration and his newfound fortune. Period drama based on Charles Dickens' novel, starring Jeremy Irvine, Helena Bonham Carter and Ralph Fiennes.

11.00 The Many Faces of Michael Crawford. A profile of the actor and singer best known for his portrayal of Frank Spencer in Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em and playing the title role in the first run of The Phantom of the Opera. (R)

12.00 Film: Man of the Year. (2006) **1.50** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Super 4. (R) **7.45** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** Doc Martin. (R) **1.35** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **2.40 Film:** Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. (2001) Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe. **5.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 New You've Been Framed! Unleashed. Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful-looking accidents.

7.00 Ninja Warrior UK. Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara provide the show's most successful competitors with another chance to prove their skills in the second adrenaline-fuelled semi-final.

8.00 Britain's Got Talent. Members of the public are given one last chance to prove their worth as entertainers in the final round of auditions. As always, Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden, Alesha Dixon and David Walliams are on hand to appraise their performances, but once this stage of the contest is completed, the judges must then move on to the much more demanding process of whittling down this year's crop of contestants for the live shows. Ant and Dec host proceedings, introducing the contenders and taking viewers backstage ahead of the nail-biting performances.

9.20 Play to the Whistle. Pat Cash, Bob Mortimer and Natalie Anderson join Frank Lampard and Bradley Walsh as Holly Willoughby hosts one last round of the sports-based comedy show. Last in the series.

10.05 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Film: Mickey Blue Eyes. (1999) A strait-laced Englishman falls for a New York mobster's daughter, and is reluctantly drawn into the family business. Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Jeanne Tripplehorn.

12.10 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.05** Volkswagen Racing Cup. (R) **7.30** The Grid. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.35** Frasier. (R) **11.05** Frasier. (R) **11.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.35** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Haydock Park, Goodwood and the Curragh. **4.15** Come Dine with Me. First aid manager Jacqui hosts the first dinner party in Perth. (R) **4.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.15 Come Dine with Me. It is the final day in Perth, and Craig's turn to throw a dinner party. He hopes that his land and sea menu will see him score highly, but Daniel and Jenna's quarrel continues. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Walking Through History: North Norfolk. Tony Robinson travels along the north Norfolk coast, finding out how the area maintained its rural identity despite the industrial changes of the Victorian age. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 The World's Most Extreme. An exploration of 10 of the most extraordinary tunnels on Earth, including those at the US-Mexico border that are often used to smuggle drugs. Last in the series.

9.00 Film: Rise of the Planet of the Apes. (2011) A scientist carries out genetic experiments on apes, hoping to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease. A chimpanzee used in the tests develops superior intelligence and becomes outraged at the human race's cruel treatment of his kind, forming his fellow primates into an army to overthrow mankind. Sci-fi thriller, starring James Franco, Freida Pinto and Andy Serkis.

11.10 Film: Savages. (2012) Premiere. Two marijuana dealers attract the attention of a Mexican drug cartel that kidnaps their shared girlfriend. Crime drama, starring Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Taylor Kitsch, Blake Lively and Salma Hayek.

1.35 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **2.30** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.45** SuperScrimpers. (R) **5.00** Phil: Secret Agent Down Under. (R) **5.55** How I Met Your Mother. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **10.50** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **11.50 Film:** Columbo: Mind Over Mayhem. (1974) **1.25 Film:** The Great Escape. (1963) Second World War drama, starring Steve McQueen. **4.45 Film:** Anzio. (1968) Second World War drama, starring Robert Mitchum.

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v New Zealand. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the third day in the first Test of the two-match series, which takes place at Lord's. With commentary by Nicholas, Michael Vaughan, Geoffrey Boycott and Simon Hughes.

7.55 What the Dambusters Did Next. Documentary combining testimony from veterans, original archive footage, expert views and dramatic reconstructions to examine the missions undertaken by the RAF's 617 Squadron after the famous May 1943 raids on the Ruhr and Eder valleys, which were immortalised in The Dam Busters. Retired RAF navigator John Nichol delves into the records of the National Archives and finds a treasure trove of fascinating tales, including an account of the night-time bombing of the vital Dortmund-Ems canal, during which the men ended up flying through a ferocious barrage of flak. (R)

9.20 Big Brother: Timebomb. A round-up of Friday's events in the compound, including how the housemates coped with the pressure of the impending eviction, which took place that very evening.

10.20 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. When two sisters in their 30s are found dead in a crime-scene filled with twin imagery, it seems clear to the team that the Gig Harbor Killer is back. Ted Danson and Elisabeth Shue star in the last in the series.

11.20 NCIS. Gibbs and the team raid an illegal motor business run by US navy officers and find a marine's severed head in the boot of a car. Mark Harmon and Pauley Perrette star. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Big Brother: Timebomb. (R) **4.00** The Gadget Show. (R) **4.50** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 5 Seconds of Summer & Hozier @ R1BW **8.00** The Vaccines & Jess Glynne @ R1BW **9.00** Florence + The Machine & Rudimental @ R1BW **9.55** Muse Live @ R1BW **11.00** Family Guy **1.30** Murder in Successville **2.00** Nick Helm's Heavy Entertainment **2.30** Crims **4.00** Close

BBC Four
7.00 Wild Arabia **8.00** The Wonderful World of Blood – with Michael Mosley **9.00** 1864 **11.00** Top of the Pops: 1980 – Big Hits **12.00** Wild Boys: The Story of Duran Duran **12.50** Killer Whales: Beneath the Surface – Natural World **1.50** Wild Arabia **2.50** Fossil Wonderlands: Nature's Hidden Treasures **3.50** Close

ITV2
11.00 Britain's Got Talent **12.20** Britain's Got More Talent **1.20** The Hot Desk: Ella Eyre **1.30** Catchphrase **2.10** Mr Bean **3.20 Film:** King Kong (2005) **6.55 Film:** The Mummy (1999) **9.20** Britain's Got More Talent **10.20** Celebrity Juice **11.05** Britain's Got Talent **12.20** Britain's Got More Talent **1.25** Hell's Kitchen **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
11.55 Film: The Railway Children (2000) **2.10** Wycliffe **3.20 Film:** Columbo: Lovely but Lethal (1973) **4.55** Lewis **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Inspector Wexford **12.10** Wire in the Blood **1.15** Wycliffe **2.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
11.00 Live FIA Formula E Championship. The Berlin ePrix qualifying session. **12.15** Counting Cars **12.40** Football's Greatest: Johan Cruyff **1.00** MotoGP Highlights **2.00** Live FIA Formula E Championship. The Berlin ePrix. **4.30** Football's Greatest: Eusebio **4.45 Film:** Shalako (1968) **7.00** Shed and Buried **8.00** Storage Wars: Texas **9.00 Film:** Apocalypse Now (1979) **12.05 Film:** Born to Raise Hell (2010) **2.10** I Want That Car **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
11.30 New Girl **1.00** The Goldbergs **2.00** How I Met Your Mother **3.00 Film:** Three Men and a Baby (1987) **5.00** Made in Chelsea **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** True Lies (1994) **11.55** Gogglebox **12.55** The Inbetweeners **2.00** Rude Tube: Ultimate Stunts **3.00** Almost Royal **3.25** 2 Broke Girls **3.50** How I Met Your Mother **4.30** Make It or Break It

Film4
11.00 The Last Mimzy (2007) **1.00** Sister Act (1992) **3.05** Carry On Dick (1974) **4.55** The Spy Next Door (2010) **6.45** School of Rock (2003) **9.00** The Tourist (2010) **11.00** Evil Dead (2013) **12.50** Silent Hill (2006) **3.25** Close

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CHOICE

Stevie Wonder

Stevie Wonder: An All-Star Grammy Salute
Channel 5, 10pm
An all-star line-up pay tribute to Stevie Wonder, one of the most highly respected recording artists of all time. Beyonce, Lady Gaga, Ed Sheeran, Pharrell Williams, Tony Bennett and John Legend are just a few of the big names performing numbers from Stevie's songbook at LA's Nokia Theatre, before the man himself takes to the stage for a finale performance of some of his all-time classics, including Superstition and You Are the Sunshine of My Life. Hosted by LL Cool J, the evening also includes Annie Lennox, Ariana Grande, Ne-Yo, Jill Scott and Babyface.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Pentecost 2015. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Wanted Down Under. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.45** Shark. (R) **3.45** Points of View. **4.00** Songs of Praise. **4.35** RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2015. **5.05** Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix – Highlights.

6.35 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile. The team explores Warwickshire, where Matt Baker visits Charlecote Park, discovering the plants and wildlife that live on the banks of the River Avon. Anita Rani gets a taste of life as a pig farmer and Adam Henson becomes involved with an asparagus harvest. Helen Skelton visits Middleton Hall and reveals the story of naturalist John Ray and Tom Heap discovers a problem with using green waste as fertiliser. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The team returns to Barrington Court in Somerset, where Fiona Bruce examines the house's collection of distinctive wood paneling. Among the unusual finds brought in to be valued are a revolver that may have been owned by Buffalo Bill and a collection of rare German chocolate moulds.

9.00 Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell. Strange comes to London to take up an apprenticeship with Norrell and the two of them rescue a stricken ship. However, the elder magician fears his new friend will surpass him and guards his secrets closely – particularly the ancient magic of the infamous Raven King. The mysterious Gentleman exerts a sinister influence over Sir Walter Pole's household, taking butler Stephen Black to a shadowy kingdom where he discovers the price of Lady Pole's resurrection.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the final round of Premier League fixtures, which included Chelsea v Sunderland and Newcastle United v West Ham United.

12.00 The Football League Show. **1.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **6.30** The Big Allotment Challenge. (R) **7.30** RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2015. (R) **8.00** Countryfile. (R) **9.00** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites. (R) **11.30** Paul Hollywood's Bread. (R) **12.00** Alex Polizzi: Chefs on Trial. (R) **1.00 Film:** Camelot. (1967) Musical, starring Richard Harris. **3.50** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.30** Nature's Weirdest Events. (R)

6.00 Golf: PGA Highlights. Hazel Irvine presents highlights of the fourth and final round of the PGA Championship, the European Tour event that took place on the West Course at the Wentworth Club in Surrey. Denmark's Thomas Bjorn held a commanding five-stroke lead heading into the concluding round at last year's tournament, but a three-over-par 75 that coincided with Rory McIlroy's six-under 66 saw the Northern Irishman emerge as the champion. Commentary comes from Peter Alliss, Ken Brown and Andrew Cotter.

7.00 A Very British Airline. Examining how British Airways keeps its 28 flights a day to New York's JFK airport running smoothly. The cabin crew trainees find out if they have successfully completed the course. (R)

8.00 Demolition: The Wrecking Crew. A team demolishes an office block in the centre of Doncaster, a gas holder close to two railway lines has to be brought down safely, and a demolition expert searches for scrap.

9.00 Armada: 12 Days to Save England. New series. Three-part documentary about the sinking of the Spanish Armada. In the first episode, Dan Snow reveals the events that led to conflict between England and Spain.

10.00 1945: The Savage Peace. Documentary examining stories of brutal acts of violence carried out against German civilians in formerly occupied countries in the aftermath of the Second World War.

11.00 The Many Faces of Stanley Baxter. A profile of the Glaswegian entertainer, whose TV shows drew huge audiences in the 1970s and 80s. With contributions from Michael Grade, Barry Cryer, Bill Oddie and Gregor Fisher. (R)

12.00 Film: Valhalla Rising. (2009) **1.25** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.25** Holby City. (R) **3.20** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Judge Rinder. (R) **10.25** Judge Rinder. (R) **11.25** Judge Rinder. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** The Unforgettable Sid James. (R) **1.10 Film:** Batteries Not Included. (1987) Sci-fi fantasy, starring Jessica Tandy. **3.15** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **4.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **5.15** Thunderbirds Are Go. **5.45** Ninja Warrior UK. (R)

6.45 Regional Programme; Weather.

7.00 ITV News; Weather.

7.15 Celebrity Squares. Warwick Davis hosts the quiz, with Frank Skinner, Katherine Kelly, Rylan Clark, Nina Wadia, Aisling Bea, Alice Levine and Dane Bowers joining regulars Tim Vine and Joe Wilkinson.

8.00 Sunday Night at the Palladium. Jason Manford introduces the variety show, featuring Will Young performing his new single Love Revolution, comedy from Joe Lycett and a duet between David Gray and LeAnn Rimes.

9.00 Home Fires. Miriam fears the consequences of David learning the truth, while Steph hides a secret that threatens the farm's future. Teresa's past comes back to haunt her in the shape of an unexpected visitor who could ruin her new life. Kate and Jack make plans for the future, and Laura's jealousy complicates her relationship with Richard. Erica struggles to save Bob and Pat's marriage, and Claire is caught in the crossfire between Frances and Joyce as plans get under way to build a new air raid shelter for the village.

10.05 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Perspectives: Eddie Redmayne on War Art. Actor Eddie Redmayne explores how conflict has inspired creativity, visiting studios and battlefield locations to reveal the unique legacy left by war artists. Last in the series.

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Mark Durden-Smith is joined by David Flatman to present action and reaction from the semi-finals, as the top four sides competed to book their place in the Grand Final.

12.10 The Store. **2.30** Motorsport UK. **3.20** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.45** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.10** Ginetta GT5 Challenge. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **3.00** The Simpsons. (R) **3.30 Film:** Casper. (1995) Supernatural family comedy, starring Christina Ricci. **5.30** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. An interior designer tries to choose between Cornwall and the South of France.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Speed with Guy Martin. For his second adrenaline-fuelled challenge, the racer tries to set the world record for riding a motorcycle on water, with the help of a Cambridge professor and marine engineers. (R)

8.00 For the Love of Cars. Philip Glenister and Ant Anstead restore a Ford Transit in Manchester. They discover the vehicle has an unusual bonnet, which is a sign that it could be an exceptionally rare and valuable model of the classic van. Plus, a look at some of the most famous working vehicles manufactured in Britain, including black cabs, tractors and armoured cars.

9.00 Film: Trance. (2013) Premiere. An art dealer becomes involved in a plot to steal a valuable painting from his own auction house, but a blow to the head causes him to develop amnesia. Unable to remember the stolen item's whereabouts, he starts seeing a hypnotist to recall where he left it, but as she searches the depths of his mind, the barriers between fiction and reality begin to blur. Danny Boyle's non-linear crime thriller, starring James McAvoy and Rosario Dawson.

11.00 The Mega Brothel. A look inside a high-end, five-storey brothel in Stuttgart, Germany, exploring what life is like for the women, clients and management in a country with liberal prostitution laws. (R)

12.00 Sean Lock: Purple Van Man. (R) **1.00 Film:** Renaissance. (2006) **2.45** Born Naughty? (R) **3.45** Phil: Secret Agent Down Under. (R) **4.40** The Renovation Game. (R) **5.35** The Common Denominator. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.35** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.45** The Mr Men Show. (R) **7.00** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.10** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.15** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.20** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.45** Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **8.15** Zack and Quack. (R) **8.25** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.00** LazyTown. (R) **9.30** Dora and Friends. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Access. **10.40** Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) **11.35** Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) **12.25** Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) **1.25 Film:** The Deep End of the Ocean. (1999) Drama, starring Michelle Pfeiffer. **3.35 Film:** What a Girl Wants. (2003) Comedy, starring Amanda Bynes. **5.30 Film:** Chicken Little. (2005) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Zach Braff.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v New Zealand. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the fourth day in the first Test of the two-match series, which takes place at Lord's.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud. Comedians Des Clarke and Katy Brand present a selection of the internet's most popular videos featuring dogs, including one with a pooch dressed in a tarantula costume. (R)

9.00 Big Brother: Timebomb. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, diary room visits and chit-chat in the aftermath of the recent eviction. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.

10.00 Stevie Wonder: An All-Star Grammy Salute. An all-star line-up including Beyonce, Lady Gaga and Ed Sheeran salute Stevie Wonder with songs from his stellar songbook, before the man himself takes the stage.

11.50 Blinging Up Baby: You Won't Believe It! Following last year's documentary of the same name, this three-part series examines the growing trend for parents to kit out their young children in glamorous outfits. (R)

12.50 Criminals: Caught on Camera. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** World's Angriest: Caught on Camera. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Olly Murs & James Bay @ R1BW **8.00** Rita Ora & Imagine Dragons @ R1BW **9.00** Taylor Swift & George Ezra @ R1BW **9.55** Foo Fighters Live @ R1BW **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** Murder in Successville **12.15** American Dad! **12.35** Family Guy **1.20** Nick Helm's Heavy Entertainment **1.50** Murder in Successville **2.25** People Just Do Nothing **3.25** Nick Helm's Heavy Entertainment **3.55** Close

BBC Four
7.00 Peter Grimes on Aldeburgh Beach **9.20** Britain's Wild Places **9.30** Secret Knowledge: The Private Life of a Dolls' House **10.00** The Mystery of Murder: A Horizon Guide **11.00** Meat Loaf: In and Out of Hell **12.00** Heavy Metal Britannia **1.30** Eurovision at 60 **3.00** Abba at the BBC **4.00** Close

ITV2
11.15 The British Soap Awards 2015 **1.20 Film:** The Little Vampire (2000) **3.10 Film:** Jurassic Park (1993) **5.40** Britain's Got Talent **7.00** Britain's Got More Talent **8.00** You've Been Framed! & Famous **9.00 Film:** I Am Legend (2007) **11.05 Film:** The Matrix Revolutions (2003) **1.30** Mom **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
11.05 Wycliffe **12.10 Film:** Columbo: Lovely but Lethal (1973) **1.45** Lewis **3.50** Wycliffe **4.55** A Touch of Frost **6.55** Foyle's War **9.00** The Best of the Royal Variety **10.00** Vicious **12.05 Film:** Steptoe and Son Ride Again (1973) **1.55** Like Father, Like Son **3.10** Judge Judy **3.30** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

ITV4
9.00 Premiership Rugby Union **10.00 Film:** The Dead Pool (1988) **11.55 Film:** Mars Attacks! (1996) **2.05** Hell on Wheels **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
12.00 Made in Chelsea **1.00** Melissa & Joey **2.00** New Girl **3.00** How I Met Your Mother **4.00** The Goldbergs **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** 17 Again (2009) **10.00** Gogglebox **11.00** The Inbetweeners **12.10** Virtually Famous **1.00** Tattoos After Dark **2.00** Rules of Engagement **2.50** The Cleveland Show **3.15** Hollyoaks

Film4
11.00 The Man from Colorado (1948) **1.00** Marmaduke (2010) **2.45** Rat Race (2001) **5.00** Spirited Away (2002) **7.25** The Animal (2001) **9.00** Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (2011) **10.50** The Sixth Sense (1999) **1.00** Spirited Away (2001) **3.35** Close

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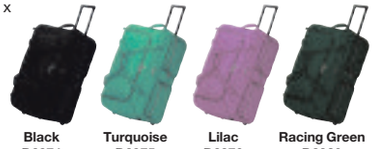

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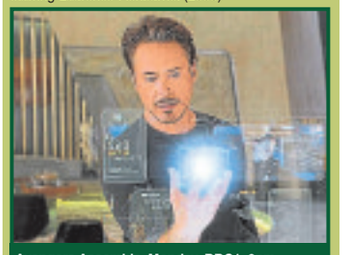
FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Avengers Assemble, BBC1, 8pm
A mystical artefact is stolen from a top-secret military base by Thor's brother Loki, who plans to use it to bring about an alien invasion. Spymaster Nick Fury brings together a team of superheroes, including Iron Man, Thor, Captain America and the Hulk, to defend Earth from the impending attack. Action adventure uniting the Marvel comic-book characters, starring Robert Downey Jr. (2012)

TUESDAY
Biker Boyz, BBC1, 11.55pm
The son of a mechanic killed in a crash is determined to honour his father's memory by becoming a champion motorcycle racer. However, the leader of the underground motorcycle club where his father worked refuses to let him join. Outraged, the young biker assembles his own team and vows to prove once and for all who is the fastest rider. Action drama, starring Laurence Fishburne. (2003)



Avengers Assemble, Monday, BBC1, 8pm

WEDNESDAY
Jagged Edge, BBC1, 11.45pm
Defence attorney Teddy Barnes is haunted by an incident when her actions led to a case of wrongful imprisonment. Desperate not to make the same mistake again, she battles to clear publishing magnate Jack Forrester of murdering his wife. In the end she falls in love with him, but begins to wonder whether he really is innocent. Thriller, starring Glenn Close. (1985)

THURSDAY
Seven Psychopaths, Channel 4, 10pm
A writer struggling to complete the script for a movie about psychopathic killers turns to his criminal friends for advice. He ends up getting more than he bargained for when the small-time crooks kidnap a dog that belongs to a gangster, putting all their lives in danger. Comedy thriller, starring Colin Farrell. (2012)

FRIDAY
Miami Vice, ITV, 10.45pm
Two undercover narcotics detectives pose as smugglers to infiltrate a powerful drug cartel. Crime thriller based on the 1980s TV series, starring Colin Farrell and Jamie Foxx. (2006)

Woody faces up to the Spanish inquisition

Kayvan Novak is nothing if not versatile. His CV includes everything from the Oscar-winning thriller Syriana to the recent Thunderbirds re-boot, via an acclaimed performance in the controversial cult comedy Four Lions.

But it's arguably the series Fonejacker and its follow-up Facejacker that really showed off Novak's remarkable ability to create a range of different characters and voices.

So, really, who better to take the lead role in this new sitcom about a master of disguise?

SunTrap sees Novak as Woody, who has managed to turn his chameleon-like abilities into a career as the world's number one undercover reporter – until his corrupt editor exposes his identity, forcing him to go on the run.

Novak certainly thinks it's the perfect role, saying: "Woody is the part I have dreamed of playing since I was a kid. That and [Star Wars character] Boba Fett."

He's also been gifted a great co-star in the shape of Bradley Walsh, who has proved in the past that he can turn his hands to pretty much anything as well, whether it's starring in Law & Order: UK or hosting The Chase.

Walsh plays Woody's former mentor Brutus, who now runs a bar on a Spanish island and isn't initially all that enthusiastic about his sun-kissed new life being disrupted by his troublesome, if charming, protege.

However, Woody has no one else he can turn to, and Brutus soon realises he can make use of the reporter by putting him to work on a series of investigations.

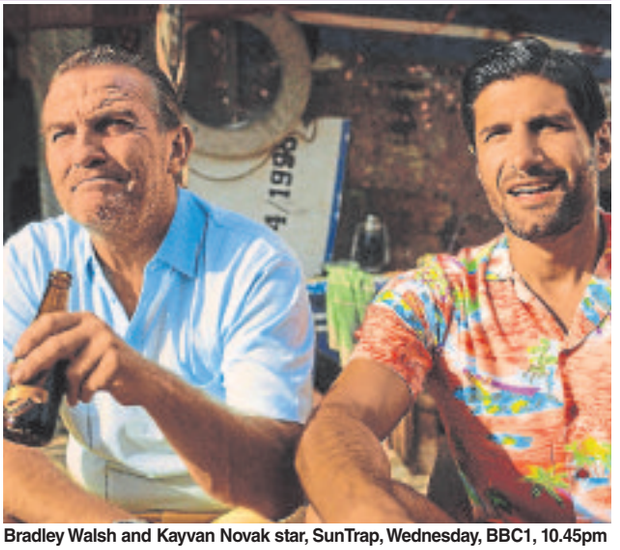
Unlike his character, it certainly sounds like Walsh had few reservations about teaming up with Novak. He says: "My goodness, what a blast it is filming SunTrap. With a very funny script, brilliant cameos from the likes of Keith Allen and Paul Kaye as Señor Big and Frederico Mercury, what's not to like? I'm loving every second working with the brilliant Kayvan Novak, it's a hoot from dawn to dusk."

Novak returns the compliment, adding: "So here I am in the sun, solving crimes and pretending to be a pirate, a hypnotist and a lady croupier. I thought life couldn't get any better. Then I saw Bradley Walsh drive by on a jet ski wearing nothing but a dressing gown."

In fact, the only thing that might give the audience pause for thought is the fact that a sitcom with such an impressive cast, fun setting and promising premise hasn't driven straight into the primetime slot recently vacated by Peter Kay's Car Share, and has instead found itself parked at 10.45pm.

That's not the only mystery in this opening episode, as Melody (Emma Pierson), the wife of pension fraudster Donald Hammer (Alan Williams) asks Brutus to help her track down her husband's hidden millions.

Unfortunately, it seems the chief witness in the case is Don's parrot, Teflon, which has recently been snatched. Can Woody find the right disguise to track down a bird-napper? And where does guest star Jack Dee fit into the proceedings?



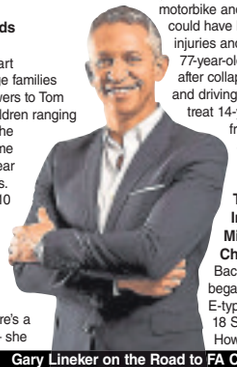
Bradley Walsh and Kayvan Novak star, SunTrap, Wednesday, BBC1, 10.45pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Springwatch 2015
BBC2, 8pm
RSBP Minsmere on the Suffolk coast is widely regarded as the one of the best nature reserves in the UK, if not Europe. So, it makes the ideal setting for the latest series of Springwatch, which is back for an impressive three-week run. It also means that presenters Chris Packham, Michaela Strachan and Martin Hughes-Games are unlikely to run out of things to talk about between now and June 11, as Minsmere's dunes, grasslands and shingle beaches become home to rare birds, including marsh harriers, avocets, and bitterns. The focus isn't just on our feathered friends, as in a Springwatch first, three families of badgers have been fitted with GPS trackers, while roving reporter Iolo Williams will be filing reports from the far north of the British Isles.

TUESDAY
Gary Lineker on the Road to FA Cup Glory
BBC1, 10.45pm
The FA Cup is part of our nation's history. With the competition returning to the BBC after a six-year gap, Gary Lineker sets off around the nation to investigate the world's oldest football tournament. Along the way he meets the men whose careers and lives were changed by the competition. Ian Wright, Roberto Martinez and Fabrice Muamba share their stories with Gary, along with the Cambridge United players ahead of their clash with Manchester United last January.

WEDNESDAY
Benefits Britain: Me & My 14 Kids
Channel 5, 9pm
The concluding edition of the two-part documentary about people with large families who rely on benefits introduces viewers to Tom and Stacey Shaw. They have 14 children ranging in age from 18 year to 18 months. The family lives in an eight-bedroom home and receive more than £70,000 a year from the state to support themselves. Tom gave up his job as a postman 10 years ago to become the full-time carer of one his older sons, who has a potentially life-threatening medical condition, and both he and Stacey make sure their domestic life is run with military precision to make sure nothing goes amiss. There's a look at Sara Crafter's predicament – she has three grown up children who, like their mum, are jobless.



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24 Hours in A&E
Channel 4, 9pm
New series. Return of the documentary following life inside the A&E department of St George's Hospital in south-west London. Ashley, 28, is brought in after a car pulled out into his motorbike and doctors are concerned he could have back, pelvis and internal injuries and send him for a CT scan, while 77-year-old ambulance driver Jim arrives after collapsing at the wheel of his vehicle and driving into a lamppost. Staff also treat 14-year-old Fabian, who fell 20ft from a tree and hasn't moved since and is suffering from back and neck pain.

THURSDAY
Inside Jaguar: Making a Million Pound Car
Channel 4, 9pm
Back in February 1963 Jaguar began work on its Lightweight E-type project, with a plan to build 18 Special GT E-type cars. However, only 12 of the aluminium-bodied vehicles were completed back in the 1960s, and now the British car manufacturer have finished the missing six Lightweights that were never made. Mark Evans follows the creation of these cars that have been hand-built in-house by Jaguar's finest craftsmen and specialist engineers, with each being constructed to the exact specifications of their original 1960s forebears. But before you get on the phone to your nearest Jaguar showroom, you should note these cars will come with a massive price tag – around the £1million mark – and not everyone is happy about the whole situation.

FRIDAY
Have I Got News for You
BBC1, 9pm
With post-General Election fall-out and fallings-out still dominating the Press, Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are sure to have plenty to sink their satirical teeth into again tonight. It's always nice to see tried-and-tested panellists returning to this long-running show, and one of this evening's participants, Andy Hamilton, is second only to Alexander Armstrong when it comes to HIGNFY guest appearances, with this being his 16th outing. Whether he's on Team Paul or Team Ian, Hamilton will be taking on a relative rookie in Essex-born writer, stand-up comedian and actress Sara Pascoe.

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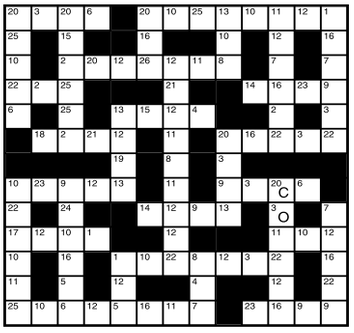

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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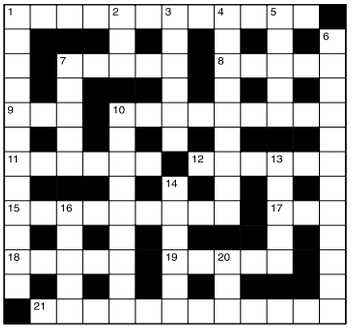
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. They were sometimes held to be more illuminating (12)
7. It dies at the end of December (5)
8. It's straightforward and on the level (5)
9. A tower of strength (3)
10. Most foolish, however? (9)
11. Roadside place for those low in spirit? (6)
12. The comfort of the man taking over? (6)
15. The way to cure behaviour? (9)
17. A number of vital importance (3)
18. Heart-broken world (5)
19. An odd type of route (5)
21. He isn't a good forecaster (7,2,3)

Down

1. Assemble and call for a lady (4,8)
2. Strike up (3)
3. Master's current form (6)
4. In a hurry to make me paint it (9)
5. Colour uniformly used (5)
6. Intrusion which may spoil the reception (12)
7. Agree to be enthusiastic (5)
10. His plight might possibly warn sailors (9)
13. Silly Annie is upset (5)
14. Suit to change into? (6)
16. The fault of some terrorists (5)
20. As well as the first fifteen letters (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Succeed (4,3,5)
7. Frivolous (5)
8. Corn (5)
9. Tavern (3)
10. Malignity (9)
11. Earth (6)
12. Instructions (6)
15. Harshness (9)
17. Write (3)
18. Memorize (5)
19. In good time (5)
21. Spineless (12)

Down

1. Nubile (12)
2. Label (3)
3. Whole (6)
4. Rhythmically (9)
5. Exhaust (5)
6. Irrational (12)
7. Slowly (5)
10. Retribution (9)
13. Void (5)
14. Aim (6)
16. Sully (5)
20. Chafe (3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 4 Escheat; 8 Enamel; 9 Ideally; 10 Ingrid; 11 Misled; 12 Absinthe; 18 Notified; 20 Absent; 21 Bottom; 22 Fast set; 23 Lean on; 24 Reverse. Down: 1 Delilah; 2 Largess; 3 Design; 5 Sediment; 6 Hearse; 7 Asleep; 13 Tent-pegs; 14 Distant; 15 Adamant; 16 Abrade; 17 Nettle; 19 Ironed. QUICK - Across: 4 Against; 8 Equity; 9 Parched; 10 Simple; 11 Damage; 12 Straddle; 18 Farcical; 20 Mature; 21 Bemuse; 22 Confide; 23 Depend; 24 Restore. Down: 1 Persist; 2 Summary; 3 Stolid; 5 Grandeur; 6 Income; 7 Sledge; 13 Defender; 14 Accused; 15 Already; 16 Galore; 17 Buffet; 19 Clever.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. How many years does a sapphire wedding anniversary celebrate?
2. Which country's vehicle registration letters are RCH?
3. Which vegetable has the varieties Nevada and Canberra?
4. Which line is coloured grey on a London underground map?
5. Which shipping forecast area lies between Fastnet and Irish Sea?
6. In which Forest is As You Like It set?
7. On which river does Florence stand?
8. Which singer was born Robert Allan Zimmerman?
9. What was the name of the dog in the film The Wizard of Oz?
10. Phobos and Deimos are satellites of which planet?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Sagittarius; 2 An anglerís name for a species of mayfly; 3 Morocco; 4 Golden Hind; 5 Noel Coward; 6 The Napoleonic War; 7 Franz Hals; 8 Germany; 9 Palermo; 10 Flann O'Brien.

Niner: LIFEGUARD

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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19574 gives a second flower,
16254 gives a third flower.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Poldark's Cornwall

Pick of the week

Four days departing July 10 and October 2

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Visit some of the stunning scenery used for the filming of the swashbuckling drama Poldark, which returned to the television screens earlier this year.

Take a scenic drive along the coast passing the wide sandy beach of Porthcothan which fans will recognise as Nampara Cove, stopping at the small fishing village of Padstow where there is free time to explore. To the north is a stretch of sand from St Georges Cove to Harbour Cove, which can be walked in around 10 minutes and it offers spectacular views across the camel estuary, also featured in the television series.

The guided tour of the Poldark mine involves descending over 100 ft and is a unique insight into the working conditions of the miners along with the the geology of Cornwall. There are also many machines around the site which are still in full working order and illustrate the history of tin mining.

A visit is made to the Jamaica Inn, which has stood high on Bodmin Moor for over four centuries. Its isolated location was the ideal place for sorting contraband such as silks, tea, tobacco and brandy. Today there is one of the finest collections of smuggling artefacts, along with tales of wreckers and smugglers over the past 300 years.

Charlestown has featured as the role of the principal town in the series because of its collection of ships and traditional appearance. Here the Grade II listed harbour is a delight to explore and for a small fee there is the opportunity to step aboard the Tall Ship Kaskelot, which has featured in many film and television productions including Hornblower and Shackleton.

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- Return coach travel
- Three nights half-board accommodation
- Visit to the Poldark mine for a tour
- Visit to the Smugglers Museum
- Coach journey along the Cornish coast
- Visits to Padstow, Charlestown and Mullion
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On their bikes for charity

By James Parker

This year Benham BMW Wolverhampton is supporting Breakthrough Breast Cancer with an ambitious event to be staged at the BMW Centre on June 20 and 21.

Benham has teamed up with Jim Bertram and his intrepid team of cyclists as they attempt to ride from Wolverhampton to Delhi, on static bikes, in just 24-hours.

That's a massive total of 4,250 miles, and in order to reach their goal, it'll mean that each of the 10 riders will need to manage an average speed of 18 mph throughout the whole of the 24-hour period.

Jim is the organiser of the event and is placed within the top two per cent of one million fundraisers on the 'Just Giving' Awards 2014. He's an Ambassador for Stoke City Community Trust and an Ambassador for Pedal4sport on behalf of Benham BMW Wolverhampton.

Preparation

Jim is no stranger to long distance cycling having previously completed other charity rides from Stoke to Glasgow and a recent ride from Land's End to John O'Groats. It all makes for great preparation on the run up to this huge challenge.

So why Wolverhampton to Delhi? Well, Punjabi Wolves work with projects in Delhi, and a few years ago Jim was invited to go to India's capital to see how some of his earlier charity efforts had been put to use. It provided Jim with great insight, so when thoughts of a long distance event were discussed, 4,250 miles to Delhi came up as a challenging yet achievable goal!

The 24 hour ride involves eight cyclists on fixed static bikes, the type of cycle you find in keep fit gyms. The event is a huge undertaking for all those involved. Corporate sponsors include Nutrition Active, Pure Gym, Waitrose, 3LC and Perton Golf Club.

As hosts of the event and with support from other sponsors, Benham will be providing for all the needs of the cyclists throughout the ride. Benham is aiming to raise as much as they can for Breakthrough Breast Cancer. However, no figure is being mentioned because the aim is to smash it!

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Throughout the run up to the event raffle tickets will be on sale with prizes being donated by both BMW and MINI along with many other generous supporters.

Most of us will know of someone that does have or has had cancer. Perhaps a family member has experienced or is experiencing cancer.

Maybe you've been touched by the disease yourself. Call into Benham BMW on Lever Street, Wolverhampton on Saturday, June 20 or Sunday, June 21 to offer encouragement to the cyclists during this huge challenge.

Support the team as they raise sponsorship for the charity Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Dig deep to sponsor Jim Bertram and his heroic team of cyclists and while you're there, why not buy a raffle ticket to win a terrific prize?

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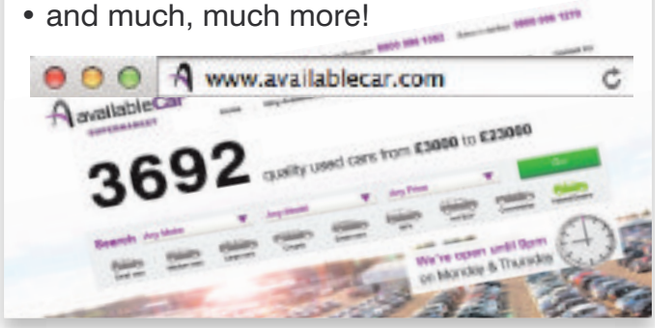

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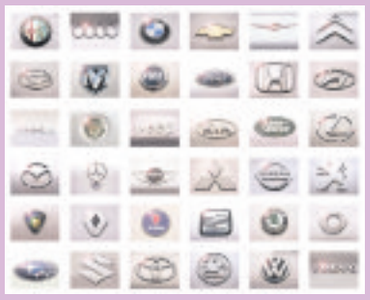

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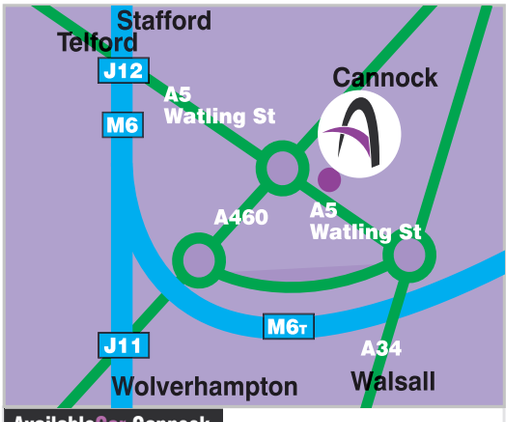

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New Volvo XC90 T8 in a class of its own

By Sharon Walters

The XC90 T8 Twin Engine, the world's most powerful and cleanest SUV, has exceeded all expectations when it comes to the no compromise equation of power and low fuel consumption, coupled with world class low emissions – and all in a 7-seat luxury SUV.

The XC90 T8 Twin Engine delivers 49 g/km CO2, a combined 407 hp*, 640 Nm of torque, 134.5mpg and up to 26 miles pure electric range.

The improvement over the earlier announced figures were achieved thanks to the continuous innovation cycle at the Swedish company.

The result of further tuning is a drop of 10 g/km from the initial prognosis, for up to 134.5mpg (combined) fuel economy, while also adding horsepower. This makes the XC90 T8 Twin Engine the clear leader in its segment, with an exceptional combination of low fuel consumption, emissions and pure power.

No other SUV in this class can deliver 26 miles of pure electric range, 0-62mph in 5.6 seconds and provide combined power of 407 hp – all in a seven seat configuration. All figures are based on the NEDC driving cycle for hybrids*.

There's a Driving Mode for every need. The XC90 T8 Twin Engine can go from 0 to 62mph in 5.6 seconds, delivering all the driving pleasure customers have come to expect from a Volvo SUV.

But driving pleasure is only a fraction of what the XC90 T8 offers: the car has five different driving modes that deliver a range of performance and efficiency-enhancing characteristics.

Using either a scroll wheel on the centre console or a touchscreen on the dashboard, drivers can choose from five different options.

'Hybrid' is the default mode suitable for everyday use.

Here, the vehicle will automatically alternate between drawing power from the 2-litre, 4-cylinder Drive-E engine and the electric motor to deliver the best overall fuel consumption.

With 'Pure Electric' mode, when the high-voltage battery is fully charged, it serves as the car's sole energy source, powering the electric motor over the rear axle.

Efficient

The XC90 T8 has a range of up to 26 miles using just electricity, which covers the total distance many people drive in one day.

And thanks to the regenerative braking system, this mode is super-efficient in the stop-and-go traffic of city environments. If more power is needed, the Drive-E combustion engine starts up automatically.

'In power mode', drivers get the combined performance of the combustion engine and the electric motor. On start-up, the SUV takes advantage of the electric motor's superior response and instant torque curve, while the combustion engine gets up to speed.

This combination offers better torque at lower revs, equivalent to that of a large displacement engine like the V8.

'AWD' mode offers constant all-wheel drive on demand. The advantage of being able to select AWD manually is that the driver can use it when needed, or choose to save energy for later.

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The Volvo XC90 T8 Twin Engine will be available later this spring in Volvo showrooms.

*320hp + 87 hp power and 400 + 240 Nm torque – combined 407hp and 640 Nm.

Putting on the style at bargain price tag

By Ian Donaldson

Add style to most cars and you add cost too, sometimes paying a small fortune for something that stands out in a crowd.

And we don't seem to mind, a fact the car makers know only too well. It means they can bump up the bottom line and we keep smiling.

Well, here is a car that trades on its look to sell over the more mundane machine it's based on – but doesn't ask for extra for the privilege of a bit more style.

Say hello to the new Hyundai i20 coupe, closely based on the latest i20 hatchback but lacking a couple of doors and with the body subtly redrawn to give it a svelte look from the side.

The result is a car that won't frighten the horses but might just draw admiring glances as it attempts to park in the daily school run jamboree – looks that will turn to mild astonishment when the price is disclosed.

Because here is a car that seems a genuine bargain. No, make that a steal if you compare it with something like a Ford Fiesta with the same sized engine and a near equal price tag.

Lost

Not only is the coupe the same price as the equivalent Hyundai hatch (which, admittedly gains rear doors over the coupe) but it's so well equipped compared to the Ford you wonder if the latter has lost a page of the brochure.

So before we take the i20 Coupe for a drive, let's examine its standard kit in some detail. For the less than £13,000 price tag you'll find alloy wheels, electrically-adjusted and heated door mirrors and front fog lights on the outside.

Move to the interior and you discover air conditioning, cruise control, rear parking sensors, audio controls on the steering wheel and a smartphone docking station atop the dash.

Dig deeper, to discover tyre pressure monitoring, hill start assist and a space saver spare wheel, not a bottle of doubtfully useful pressurised gloop. And don't forget Hyundai's five-year, unlimited mileage warranty that includes five years roadside assistance too.

By now you may be wondering if Hyundai has spent so much on the fixtures and fittings it has left no room to make a profit.

Well, there are obvious savings on the look and feel of the interior. It's all a bit drab and black and plasticky, but everything works with enough solid precision to promise a long and trouble-free life.

There's also enough room under the coupe's lowered roofline for a couple of adults in the rear, where they will find identical legroom to the five-door hatch and only a little headroom shaved off it the pursuit of style. The boot's a sensible size too.

Out on the road the little 1.2-litre engine does its best to be perky but doesn't really relish revs; better to let it relax a little and enjoy a ride that makes a very respectable job of flattening out our awful British road surfaces.

Driven with brio the test car's trip computer (another standard fitting) showed 46mpg at journey's end. That's a decent return but there is a diesel engine on offer (at a healthy £2,000 premium) that would do better still.

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Please note that the deadline for our weekly Cannock Chronicle is 11.30am every Tuesday for the same weeks edition.

BARKER

Mary

Passed away peacefully May 11, 2015, at home, aged 93 years.

She will be very sadly missed by Nieces Barbara and Janet and all her loving Family and Friends.

Funeral Service to take place, 3pm on Thursday, May 28, 2015, at Stafford Crematorium.

By request Family flowers only, donations for Acorns Children's Hospice may be sent to

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BAXTER

Gordon

Passed away on Monday, May 11, 2015.

Devoted Husband to the late Elizabeth Baxter, Dad to Yvonne, Paula, Marcia and Grandad to Sian, Carly, Kyle and Kelly.

A special thanks to all the Staff at The Grange Residential Home for their dedication and devotion towards Gordon in his final years.

The Funeral Service is to take place on Tuesday, May 26, at 1pm, at Stafford Crematorium. Reception at The Barns, Cannock from 2pm onwards, all welcome.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, for Dementia UK.

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DUFFY—Dennis.
Beloved Husband of Dorothy, Father of Christopher and Ann and Grandfather to Elizabeth and Heather. Passed away on May 8, 2015 at The Manor Hospital.
The Funeral Service will be held at St John's Church, Heath Hayes on Friday, May 22, at 11.30am.
Family flowers only please, donations, if desired, to be divided between St John's Church and The Children's Society.
Inquiries please to John Short, Funeral Directors, Chasetown.

GOOCH

Tony

Passed away April 26, 2015.

Dear Brother our hearts ache with sadness, secret tears still flow, what it meant to lose you no one will ever know.

God bless.

Steve, Ann, Dawn and Families.

GOOCH

Tony

My lips cannot speak how much I miss you. My heart cannot tell what to say.

God only knows how much I miss you, in our home that is lonesome today.

Love always Joyce.

HUBBARD

Rose

Passed away peacefully on May 14, 2015.

Funeral Service to be held at Stafford Crematorium on Wednesday, May 27, at 1pm.

Will be sadly missed by all the Family.

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INGRAM

Mary Grace

nee Anderson of Cannock.

Sadly passed away May 11, aged 87 years.

Reunited with Dad, David and Sue.

Sadly missed by her Family and Friends.

KNOWELSON

Veronica Gertrude

Of Cannock.

Sadly passed away May 14, aged 100 years.

An amazing and inspirational lady to all her Family and Friends who will be so sadly missed but treasured always.

With our love, Diana and all her Family.

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Her Funeral Service will take place at 10.45am, on Friday, May 29, at St. Luke's Church, followed by a Committal at Stafford Crematorium.

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PRENDERGAST

Helen

Of Longford Cannock.

Passed away in hospital on May 13, 2015, aged 91 years.

Reunited with devoted Husband Johnnie also a beloved Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma, Aunty, Mother-in-law and Friend.

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STANLEY

Barbara

nee Doyle

Passed away peacefully at home, May 9, 2015, aged 66 years.

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Funeral Service will be held at Stafford Crematorium, on Wednesday, May 27, at 12.30pm, leaving the house at 11am.

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STANLEY

Barbara

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in memoriam

CROWSLEY

Arthur

One Year May 23, 2014.

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Loving Wife Nell and Family.

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MATTHEWS

Ann

26 May

We still can't believe you've gone, it will be 7 years on this day.

We love and miss you Mom, we wish you were here today.

Just to say these words to you, we love you in everyway.

Mum

PUGH

Syliva

1 year May 23.

Mom in my heart your memory lingers always, tender fond and true. There's not a day dear Mother I don't think of you.

God bless, love you.

Wendy, John and Family. X X

PUGH

Syliva Joyce

One Year 23.05.2015.

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God bless.

Ros, John, Sharon, Darren and Family.

birthday remembrances

BURKE

Frederick Alan

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Love Mom and Family.

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MYRING

Yvonne

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How we wish we could celebrate this day with you.

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Husband Colin, Sons Phillip, and Paul, Grand Kids Demi and Brandon.

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birthdays

acknowledgements

BUCK

Alan

Gwen, Linda, Ron and Family would like to thank Friends, Neighbours and Relatives for all your kindness, cards and donations, raising £250 for Cancer Research and Ashcroft Hollow Residents Fund.

Special thanks to Carol, Barry, Cheryl's Flower Shop, Old Wyrley Hall, Dave Webster, Tina and All at Co-operative Funeral Care.

GETHIN

Colin

Loving Wife Sandra, and Sons Mick and Dean, would like to thank everyone for all the cards, flowers and donations, £500 was collected and will go to Lewy Body Dementia.

We would also like to thank David and Alan for the lovely Service and the Co-Op Funeral Directors.

GOOCH

Tony

The Family of the late Tony Gooch would like to thank everyone for their cards and donations, which totalled £210 for The Royal British Legion.

WOOLLEY

Elizabeth May

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Men seeking men

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Saddlers in waiting game on keeper

DEAN Smith admits Walsall's hopes of keeping Richard O'Donnell now rest on what offers the goalkeeper receives from elsewhere.

The 26-year-old shot-stopper, the club's player of the season, has been offered a two-year deal to stay at the Banks's.

But with a number of other apparent suitors for a keeper who kept 21 clean sheets this season, Smith accepts the Saddlers have been left playing a waiting game.

"We have made him an offer and we are waiting for him to accept it or not," said the Walsall boss. "We have to wait and see."

Championship side Reading were last week reported to be keeping tabs on O'Donnell, a virtual ever-present for the Saddlers since joining in 2013.

Smith has meanwhile rejected suggestions from some quarters the club left it too late to begin talks with their number one.

Discussions over a new contract started in November, with fresh terms offered in February.

And Smith said: "In terms of people saying we left it too late, well, if November is too late, then I don't know.

Earlier in the season, if I had been offering him a contract after Scunthorpe and Oldham away, I think a few supporters might have been questioning my logic. In November we felt the lad was progressing and we felt he was worth a contract offer then, which we did.

"We went back in February as well but unfortunately he was not willing to accept it."

Smith insists he is prepared should the keeper exit.

"For four or five months I have planned he might go because his agent indicated that to me," he continued. "Between myself, Neil Cutler and Richard O'Kelly we have been contemplating that might happen, whatever we offered him we would be looking at other options as well.

"I would love him to stay because we have helped him develop into a really good goalkeeper."

Bradshaw wants to get Hiwula back on side again

WALSALL goal-machine Tom Bradshaw would love to play alongside Manchester City loanee Jordy Hiwula again next season.

Saddlers boss Dean Smith has already made clear his intention to bring Hiwula – who scored nine goals in 20 games after joining on February 2 – back on a season-long loan next term.

And Bradshaw, who finished the season as Walsall's 20-goal top-scorer, says his keen eye both for a goal and a defence-splitting pass would be welcome additions to next season's attack.

He said: "He has had a great goal-scoring return but he also offers a return out wide and it is enjoyable playing with him.

"It was a great ball from him for my goal against Oldham (on April 25) and as a goal-scorer, when you have people like that who score goals themselves but then set you up, it is a great thing to have in your team."

Hiwula's move to Walsall was his second loan spell of the season following a less successful run at Yeovil Town earlier in the campaign.

Hiwula, who has returned to City's Elite Development Squad following the end of the League One campaign, netted just once in nine games with the Huish Park side.

But he enjoyed his time at Walsall more and said he was prepared to go back out on loan next season to continue his footballing education.

He said: "I'd be willing to go out on loan again and continue my development but I'll do whatever Man City want me to do, work hard and see where it takes me."

Mané goals give Villa hammering

Portsmouth 6 Villa 1

AS Tim Sherwood sat in a corner of St Mary's Stadium, struggling for words to explain a 6-1 drubbing, the unmistakeable bassline from Chic's seminal hit Good Times could be heard from the other side of the wall.

For an entirely unintended piece of juxtaposition, it was devastatingly brutal.

Put to the sword on the south coast thanks to Sadio Mané's record-breaking two-minute 56second hat-trick, Sherwood's men were soon celebrating after Hull's defeat at Tottenham confirmed Premier League safety.

A battle had been lost – and badly too – yet the war very much won.

For a man whose managerial career remains very much in its infancy, it was confirmation of an impressive early triumph, the saving of a club which already had, as Sherwood correctly pointed out, one foot in the Championship when he rode into Villa Park three months ago.

By 5pm on Saturday, both feet were firmly back in the Premier League, even if one needed a final spur courtesy of the boss' old club. Villa might not have done it in style, yet the fact they did it at all is worthy of high praise.

Remarkable

The turnaround in such a short space of time has been remarkable and Sherwood can now begin in earnest preparations for the FA Cup final on Saturday week.

Mané was two-thirds to his record thanks in part to fortunate ricochets which provided him with tap-ins, while another lucky bounce allowed Shane Long to net his first, before a second of rare brilliance.

This was unquestionably Southampton's day and for a period in the opening half it seemed everything they tried came off.

But Sherwood would be fooling himself if he marks it down as just a bad day at the office.

The Saints ruthlessly exposed the fault lines in Villa's defence which have been present for years and will require fixing, if the endless cycle of relegation battles is indeed to be ended.

Christian Benteke then stabbed an effort wide . Mané opened the scoring on 13 minutes when he raced in between Vlaar and Hutton and then tapped home after his first effort rebounded off the unlucky Shay Given. Two minutes later, the Senegalese striker no doubt couldn't believe his luck as Vlaar's blunder presented him with another open goal.

The hat-trick goal, 60 seconds later, was a brilliant finish, before fortune intervened again as Pelle's shot was saved by Given and fell straight to Long to roll home the fourth.

Another mistake, this time by Westwood, then gave the former Albion man the chance to lob Given from a full 35 yards as Villa crumbled. Benteke's header in first half stoppage time at least provided some comfort but the visitors could then not even claim the second period as a moral victory, thanks to Pelle's strike nine minutes from time.

Villa were left to watch the 3pm kick-offs and for once, after weeks of shock results, things fell their way as Hull were beaten and safety assured.

Villa's Fabian Delph has a shot on goal at St Mary's, Southampton where they were hammered

Lambert is rooting for Villa in Cup

PAUL Lambert insists he would love to see Villa lift the FA Cup and said he bears no grudge against the club over his sacking.

The 45-year-old was axed by Villa in February after the club's winter slump left them in the relegation drop zone.

Lambert insisted he respected the decision but admitted he was angry at being told of the news over the phone by chief executive Tom Fox.

"I wasn't disappointed the decision was made but I was disappointed with how it was made," Lambert said.

"I don't think it's good when you're getting a telephone call, I don't think that's the right way it should have been done.

"I was up in Scotland and I got a call at night."

Forgotten Boukari faces battle for fitness

WHILE his team mates will be relaxing on the beach forgotten Wolves winger Razak Boukari faces a long summer overcoming his injury demons.

The pacy 28-year-old has recovered from a series of niggles that have prevented him challenging for a first-team place since a hamstring operation last July.

Now the hard work starts and he is on a structured programme to try to finally rid him of the problems that have dogged him virtually since he signed for £2.5m almost three years ago.

Boukari, who has 12 months left on his contract, could be a potential replacement for Bakary Sako if he could convince the club he has shaken off his long-term injury worries.

But head coach Kenny Jackett said: "For Razak it's a summer of hard work and not too much time off to get his body onto an even keel and some level of durability because it's been breaking down consistently," said Jackett.

"The fitness and medical people will be very careful with Razak. He's only going to have 10 days or two weeks or so off in the summer. He'll keep on working through to see if next year he can do well."

Tommy Rowe, who has similarly spent much of his time at Wolves on the treatment table, will also have a tailored fitness programme.

"He's been back in training and was available for the last two games but was always unlikely to be selected," said Jackett.

"He'll have a different programme to the players have who have been playing on a regular basis because he hasn't had the games of other people."

Wolves will play Shrews in a friendly

WOLVES have confirmed a second friendly on home soil with a visit to Shrewsbury Town.

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Pulis voices fears over burnout for Berahino

ALBION boss Tony Pulis has admitted his burnout fears for hot-shot Saido Berahino – but hailed the striker's maturity at the start of 2015.

Pulis is concerned the 21-year-old will be fatigued after representing England at this summer's Under-21s European Championships in the Czech Republic.

But the Baggies boss, who rested Berahino from his starting line-up at Newcastle last weekend, is full of praise for the academy product's development in recent months.

"I think he is enjoying his football and I think he has a better rapport now with everybody around the football club," said Pulis. "He is a better lad than he was when I first walked through the door. He is much more open, more togetherand more integrated within the group.

"I think he could do with another 10 years at West Bromwich Albion!

"He has been very consistent this year, even on Saturday when he came on he had two great chances."

However, Pulis is worried about the effects of Berahino's demanding schedule.

The striker has figured from the start or as a substitute in each of Albion's 36 Premier League game so far and is set to link up with Gareth Southgate's Young Lions at the end of the domestic season.

"I am more concerned with the amount of games he has played," said Pulis. "Even on Saturday at Newcastle we gave him a little bit of a rest. He'd been down to London for two days doing work for his charity and everything else, so we gave him a little bit of a rest."

Villa fans accuse FA of hypocrisy

A Villa fans' spokesman has accused the FA of hypocrisy after the club were hit with a £200,000 fine following pitch invasions at their FA Cup quarter-final with Albion.

Villa, who admitted a spectator misconduct charge, were hit with one of the biggest FA fines ever for crowd disorder and "severely warned" about their future conduct.

The Baggies, whose fans threw seats on a day of several disturbances, will not face punishment as the FA holds home clubs responsible for crowd control.

Dave Woodhall, editor of Villa fanzine Heroes & Villans, said: "It is absolute, total hypocrisy from the FA. "It's total double standards. The FA and TV companies spend a lot of time talking about the magic of the FA Cup but when fans get a bit of criticism for celebrating an FA Cup win they can't distance themselves from it fast enough.

"The FA and the BBC spend ages showing us scenes of pitch invasions from non-league clubs and call it 'the magic of the Cup' but when fans of bigger clubs take part in good-natured celebrations they come down on them like this."

Villa fans invaded the pitch three times at the game on March 7 – twice in the closing stages of their 2-0 win over Albion and once at the final whistle.

The final pitch invasion saw some Villa fans accused of confronting Albion players, while video footage taken by fans in the stands appeared to show Albion's James Morrison and Callum McManaman tripping and body-checking fans respectively as they sprinted onto the field Albion were critical afterwards of Villa's decision to seat away fans in two separate parts of the stadium including above home supporters.

Alan Cleverley, secretary of West Bromwich Albion Supporters' Club, said: "It is a hefty fine and, without being biased, I think it's deserved because some serious things happened that night. But I think the FA and the BBC should also take a share of the blame, but they will get off. To allow it to take place at teatime on Saturday was crazy."

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One game is likely to be at the Clairefontaine complex and one at a stadium in the Paris area.

Wolves officials are currently working with their French counterparts to organise supporter access for the games, and there are also plans for an official club trip.

Fans are advised not to make any travel arrangements until all the plans are confirmed.

The club's first pre-season trip to France ends a series of training camps in Britain and Ireland in recent years.

Wolves were based near Dublin in the summers of 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2014, and Scotland in 2008 and 2013.

The only pre-seasons they ventured outside Europe was when they spent two weeks in Australia in 2009.

Saddlers boss to get more funding

WALSALL boss Dean Smith will have a bigger budget for next season.

He has targeted a striker and a right-back as he was told a top-six spot is "realistic".

Chief executive Stefan Gamble confirmed at the launch of the new home kit that Smith will have more cash after the windfall from the club's Wembley appearance in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final.

"Dean will have a decent budget for next season," said Gamble.

"I don't think it's all about the money though – it's about getting the most out of the players you have.

"We're not going to compete with some of the teams in our division even with the windfall from the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

"So I don't think you can approach it in a 'money league' type of way.

"We believe in what we do and we have to bring in the right players within the budget we have and I see no reason why we can't approach the season in a really positive vein."

Additions

Saddlers want to bring back Manchester City loan striker Jordy Hiwula but Gamble said they want at least two additions. "There won't be wholesale changes but it would be nice if we can get another striker in and with letting Ben Purkiss go, there's a berth to be filled at right back, although potentially we have cover in that area," he added.

"It's a chance to bring a bit more quality in, but we've already got a pretty decent squad."

Gamble believes the improved budget makes the play-offs within their grasp next term.

"It's more than realistic," he said. "I look at the teams that have come down and the ones that have come up, and it could be a more level playing field, so we've got a good chance."

Walsall want to extend the contract of Tom Bradshaw but Gamble admits he expects interest in the 20-goal top scorer.

"I think that's inevitable – we haven't had any to date but you don't have a player score 20 goals who doesn't attract interest," he said.

"Regardless of any interest or how he ended the season, we were very interested in tying Tom down on a longer contract."

Sako agents looking to triple wages

Wolves' Bakary Sako and Derby's Johnny Russell during match earlier this season

BAKARY SAKO'S agents are said to have upped his demands to a whopping £80,000-a-week for his next move.

The out-of-contract Wolves winger, who has offers from a host of Premier League clubs including Albion and Villa, is reported to be asking for a massive £16m over a four-year contract.

Sako is hawking himself around but his representatives are said to be using the huge £80,000-a-week as a starting point for negotiations – double that of Albion's top earner Joleon Lescott, who is believed to be on £40,000-a-week.

The agents of the Mali international were sent packing last month by the Baggies and Villa after it emerged they were seeking £50,000-£60,000-a-week for their client.

Sako, who scored 36 goals in 118 league games for Wolves, is available on a Bosman free transfer when his deal runs out on June 30 and has his heart set on a move to the Premier League.

With no transfer fee, the former St Etienne wideman will pick up a hefty signing-on fee but is believed to be seeking huge wages as well.

Albion and Villa, Leicester, Newcastle, Stoke and Sunderland also considering a move for him.

Qualifiers in memorial competition

THE qualifying results in the £650 Jenningsbet Frank Turner Memorial over-60s bowls competition, at Chadsmoor Progressive WMCwere:

Round One

L Harrie (Nuneaton) 19 L Rowley (Stoke) 21; E Winstone (Warley) 21 D Palmer (Windmill) 20; P Guest (Bridgtown) 21 C M Hayward (Heath Hayes) 20; N Burrows (Stockport) 13 G Turner (ECC) 21, A France(Stoke) 21 A O'Loughlin (Hockley Heath) 13; C J Hayward (Heath Hayes) 21 J Hargreaves (Stoke) 14; J Cooper (Stoke) Walk Over; I Whitehouse (Willenhall Nordley) 21 S Harrie (Nuneaton) 14

Round Two: LRowley 16 EWinstone 21; P Guest 19 GTurner 21; A France 21 CJ Hayward 16; Cooper 5 I Whitehouse 21. Round Three: E Winstone 21 G Turner 15; A France 21 I Whitehouse 18; Last qualifying sessions May 29, 10am and 1.30pm. Finals Day June 20, 6.15pm

Bakayoko is signed up and eager to start

YOUNG Walsall striker Amadou Bakayoko has signed a new contract – as goalkeeper Richard Donnell was linked with a move to Reading.

Bakayoko has penned a new deal with the duration to be determined by his performance. But the Saddlers are no nearer to reaching an agreement with the out-of-contract O'Donnell, with the Royals the latest club believed to have an interest.

Bakayoko's new deal is thought to include performance-related clauses that will trigger various extensions after the 19-year-old made a handful of appearances off the substitutes' bench last season.

"I'm happy to have signed this new contract," he said.

"I can't wait for pre-season to start now so that I can get back down to work."

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Villa fans are accusing FA of hypocrisy

A Villa fans' spokesman has accused the FA of hypocrisy after the club were hit with a £200,000 fine following pitch invasions at their FA Cup quarter-final with Albion.

Villa, who admitted a spectator misconduct charge, were hit with one of the biggest FA fines ever for crowd disorder and "severely warned" about their future conduct.

The Baggies, whose fans threw seats on a day of several disturbances, will not face punishment as the FA holds home clubs responsible for crowd control.

Dave Woodhall, editor of Villa fanzine Heroes & Villans, said: "It is absolute, total hypocrisy from the FA. "It's total double standards.

"The FA and TV companies spend a lot of time talking about the magic of the FA Cup but when fans get a bit of criticism for celebrating an FA Cup win they can't distance themselves from it fast enough.

"The FA and the BBC spend ages showing us scenes of pitch invasions from non-league clubs and call it 'the magic of the Cup' but when fans of bigger clubs take part in good-natured celebrations they come down on them like this."

Villa fans invaded the pitch three times at the game on March 7 – twice in the closing stages of their 2-0 win over Albion and once at the final whistle.

Alan Cleverley, secretary of West Bromwich Albion Supporters' Club, said: "It is a hefty fine and, without being biased, I think it's deserved because some serious things happened that night.

"But I think the FA and the BBC should also take a share of the blame, but they will get off Scot free."

"To allow it to take place at teatime on Saturday was crazy."

Major changes at Villa are not on Sherwood's list

Tim Sherwood believes any major change in approach would be "mad" despite Villa's Southampton shocker.

The claret and blues conceded five goals in the first half as they were thumped 6-1 by the Saints.

But Sherwood is wary of reading too much into one performance, no matter how dire, and is vowing to stick by his principles.

"Our preparations were the same when we've been winning games," said the Villa boss. "You can't really change. You'd be mad to do that. You've got to believe.

"I know the way I want to work and I know the way I want the players to play and in the main it's worked but on Saturday it came unstuck."

Sherwood has promised the performance on the south coast will not be forgotten and was planning to review the video nasty of his side's opening 45 minutes.

"It's hard for me to make too many judgments," he said. "I want to watch it and see it again. "It's really hard to dissect it at the moment."

Firsts have to settle for a losing draw

Cannock 1sts 171-7 Hammerwich 1sts 209-7
Cannock losing draw

CANNOCK travelled to Hammerwich and had to be content with the losing draw.

After losing the toss Hammerwich batted first, scoring 209-7 from their 50 overs.

Shoab Akhtar top scoring with 77. For Cannock Ed Fleet took 2-36 and Matt Robinson 2-40. In reply Cannock scored 171-7 with Zac Shingler (52no) and Connor Shingler 33 the leading run makers.

Cannock 2nds 243-6 Hammerwich 2nds 111-8
Winning draw Cannock

A Dan Wood (104) century and Jamie Probert's 78 helped Cannock post the substantial total of 243-6 from their 50 overs.

In reply Hammerwich were never in the game with Paul Martin taking 5-16 as Cannock claimed the winning draw and 17 points.

Cannock 3rds 122-7 Brewood 3rds 229-8
Loosing draw Cannock

Batting first after winning the toss Brewoods innings closed on 229-8.

Dan Campbell was the pick of the bowlers taking 5-59 with Ade Aston taking 2-19. In reply Cannock struggled to score quickly enough and had to settle for the losing draw with James Boden scoring 25no and Martin Davies 18.

Cannock 4ths 236-1 Whittington 3rds 235-4
Cannock won by 9 wickets

Cannock's 100 per cent start to the season continued with victory at Whittington.

Despite Whittington scoring 235-4 from their 45 overs and Cannock losing a wicket in the first over of their reply an unbroken stand worth 235 saw Cannock reach their target with 9 wickets still standing.

Captain Mark Boden batted throughout for an unbeaten 67, Jamie Hill who scored 122 no.

Cricket

A SHOCK EXIT FOR CAMPION

DEPARTING Hednesford Town captain Darren Campion has revealed his exit from Keys Park has come as a shock to both him and the supporters.

However, he said he accepts the time was probably right.

The left-back will walk away from the club he joined in October 2010, two seasons after memorably leading the Pitmen to the treble two seasons ago.

He said: "It has come as a bit of a shock to me and the supporters, there is absolutely nothing against the club and I have all the time in the world for them. I hadn't heard anything from the club as the season came to an end.

"Since I'd come back from injury I hadn't had the captaincy and it was probably a sign that I'd run my course."

The 27-year-old recalled fond memories of two seasons ago. "Winning the treble was as good as it gets, the group of lads we had were amazing and to lift three trophies as captain was special," Campion said.

Difference

"We'd missed out on the title by goal difference so we were down, to recover and win the play-offs – then two more cup finals was incredible.

"We've been unlucky this year, we were flying before we got stuck in a rut, with our thin squad – we were picking from the bare bones early on."

Campion had a fond relationship with the Keys Park faithful, and left them with a message: "Thank you for supporting us through the highs and lows, I will always remember the good times, they're an amazing bunch of fans."

Meanwhile, Stafford Rangers have boosted their squad with strikerBen Haseley and midfielder Josh Craddock.

Haseley, aged 29, has spent three seasons as Halesowen Town and fired 105 goals in 140 appearances for the Yeltz.

While 24-year-old Craddock arrives from Rushall Olympic.

Assistant boss Nick Amos is thrilled with securing the duo.

"Ben is a player we have watched a long time and we tried to sign him several times when we were at Rushall, he's a real coup," Amos said.

Robert is ready to Rock 'n' hole

England's Robert Rock from Armitage near, Rugeley hasn't come to make up the numbers

STAFFORDSHIRE golf ace Robert Rock insists he won't be satisfied unless he's pushing to win the BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth this weekend.

A star-studded field headlined by defending champion and world number one Rory McIlroy will contest the European Tour's flagship event, which starts today.

But the 38-year-old, from Armitage, near Rugeley, is not going there just to make up the numbers. He said: "My previous best finish has probably been just outside of the top 20 at this event but if I am not in contention to win it over the weekend I will be disappointed. "It is a competition I have wanted to win for a long time and if you are going to win it you have to beat players in the top tier of the world rankings." Asked who will be the main contenders he will have to beat to lift the crown this year, he added he is not looking any further than McIlroy.

He said: "It is a big event anyway but it is always a bit better to when you have got the world number one there.

"I am not really thinking about anyone other than him. He's the man to beat. There's a lot of great players but they will be thinking the same thing. If you beat him you will probably do well."

Rock will tee off at 9.50am on day one .

Hard work by Palmer pays off

GREAT Wyrley ABC made a evening trek to the centre of Liverpoolas two of its rising stars were battling in the ring.

Twelve-year-old Luke Palmer is one of GWABC's hardest working boxers, and his dedication has paid off this season where he has earned three wins out of three.

It's now four out of four as the Wyrley boxer scored a unanimous decision over local boxer Clayton McKee (Towerhill ABC).

Told by his corner to make a fast start, Palmer flew out of the blocks and threatened to overwhelm his opponent as he threw punches from all angles.

McKee got more into it in the second round but still was on the receiving end of Palmer's clever attacks.

The third round was all Palmer as the Liverpool fighter tired.

A richly deserved unanimous decision to Palmer who is now looking to make it five wins in a row at Bar Sports, Cannock.

Fourteen-year-old Daniel Hodson has yet to produce the form he shows in the gym in his bouts.

This fight was no exception as he dropped a unanimous decision to Stockbridge ABC boxer Joe Amer.

Amer's work rate was the key to this bout as Hodson tried to land one big shot at a time.

Joe kept busy, despite a heavy nosebleed, and racked up the points as Hodson got more frustrated as the bout went on.

A unanimous decision to the Stockbridge boxer and Hodson must spend the summer building on work rate and throwing combinations instead of looking for the finisher all the time, but a wholehearted effort by the Wyrley boxer none the less.

Wolves under-21s are Gunned down

WOLVES' under-21s endured a tough night against Arsenal as they went down 4-0 at Boreham Wood.

Wolves effectively fielded an under-19 side such was the inexperience on display and Gunners took full advantage.

Arsenal's Alex Iwobi put Arsenal a goal ahead before Wolves went close.

However, winger Jordan Graham sliced his half-volley wide at the far post.

The Molineux youngsters were made to pay when Serge Gnabry doubled the home side's lead going into the break. Julio Pleguezuelo struck just six minutes into the second period before Gnabry grabbed his second.

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